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HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MEN?

Shamal Hussain (left) and Ali Khardo (right) are on the run after being arrested on suspicion of raping a teenager. Police warned the public not to try and stop the pair, but to call officers

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

TWO men accused of raping a teenage girl are being hunted by police after skipping bail and fleeing their homes.

Ali Khardo, 22, and Shamal Hussain, 20, were arrested for the serious sexual assault on the terrified 19-year-old in Rochester High Street last November.

The men, who gave addresses in the Gravesend area, were captured on CCTV cameras in the early hours of Sunday November 4 and questioned by police.

Both Khardo and Hussain were released on bail to allow officers further time for their investigation, but failed to report to Medway police station as required.

Information

Officers went to their homes in a bid to locate the pair but found the two suspects had gone on the run.

Khardo is 6ft and of average build. Hussain is 5ft 6ins and stocky.

Detective Inspector Mike Morgan, who is leading the investigation, urged anyone who spots the men to call police immediately.

He said: "We are keen to locate these men and interview them further in connection with this serious offence.

"If you know where they are, please contact police and do not attempt to stop them yourself.

"We are hopeful that somebody will recognise these men and come forward with some useful information.

"If you are able to help us with this investigation, please contact the police."

Anyone with any information can call the police on 01634 891055 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

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BOXED UP: Canterbury Royal Marines Association's Anne-Marie Taylor and helpers with soldiers' treats

Woolly hats off to our soldiers in Afghanistan

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

KNITTING needles at the ready as Chatham-based charity worker Anne-Marie Taylor launches a national appeal to send 2,000 woollen hats to troops in Afghanistan.

Mrs Taylor, welfare officer of the Canterbury Royal Marines Association, has urged volunteers to make the gifts as part of the group's annual shoe box campaign.

Since 2006, the association has been sending boxes packed with food, toiletries and messages of support to the troops stationed in Afghanistan.

This year, Mrs Taylor is looking to send more goodies than ever before, including more than 2,000 woollen hats to keep our soldiers warm.

She said: "I thought it would be nice to include a personal item in these boxes that were handmade, such as knitted hats.

"They are quick and easy to make and would be a morale booster, as the soldiers would know people had taken the time and effort to make them especially for them.

"I've had loads of letters from Afghanistan and one Royal Marine

even took the time to phone me from Afghanistan and thank me in person, which was a real tear-jerker when you consider the conditions they are under."

The association is looking for volunteers to create the hundreds of hats needed for the boxes, as well as anyone who can donate wool and other goods that can help fill them.

Mrs Taylor said: "Last year my house and garage were full to the brim with donations from all over the country. Shortbread from Scotland, crisps from Devon, hand wipes from Wales, toothpaste from Norfolk and tea from Yorkshire, to name but a few."

This year the Royal Engineers have allowed the volunteers to use a storage room at Brompton Barracks in Gillingham, so there is more room for donations.

As well as being a personal reminder of people back home, the hats will serve a practical purpose. The average temperature in Kabul is minus eight degrees, with recorded temperatures as low as minus 20. Even in March it is often just above freezing.

For camouflage purposes the knitted hats must be made from dark wool, either dark green, navy, black or brown.

If you would like to get involved, call Anne-Marie on 01634 868704 or email anne@annemarietaylor.force9.co.uk.

yourmedway NEWS IN BRIEF

Van crash leaves man in critical condition

A MAN was left fighting for his life in hospital after his van overturned on the M2 near Gillingham.

The crash involving a white Mercedes van happened on the coast-bound carriageway, near junction four on Monday.

The driver was taken to the Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham, but has now been moved to a London hospital with life-threatening head and neck injuries for specialist treatment.

Full scale of hospital deep clean revealed

BOSSES have revealed details of a deep clean currently being carried out at St Bart's Hospital.

Bed areas, bathrooms and toilets, day and dining rooms, ward kitchens and pantry, and treatment rooms are all being targeted as part of a government directive to cleanse hospitals of superbugs like MRSA and C diff.

The four wards at the hospital in New Road, Rochester, as well as walls and high areas, are included.

New post office to deliver the goods

A POST office will open on the Davis Estate in Chatham next month – close to a former branch which closed in October.

It will open at Shirley Avenue on April 24 and will to provide a full range of services, including benefits and banking.

A Post Office spokesman said: "I'm delighted that our search to find somewhere to reopen a post office on the estate has been successful."

Duo released on bail over alleged assault

A MAN and a woman have been released on police bail after being arrested for an alleged assault on a 22-year-old man in Chatham High Street.

The 33-year-old man and 24-year-old woman were stopped last Tuesday at 5pm, after neighbourhood officers were told of an attack on the young man.

PC Adella Prescott, who made the arrests, said: "Anyone causing a disturbance and acting anti-socially can expect to be swiftly dealt with."

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Coach driver banned over boy's joyrides on motorway

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A MAN let a 15-year-old boy race a number of high-powered coaches along busy motorways while filming the 70mph joyrides on his mobile phone.

Coach driver David Ebbels, 44, recorded the youngster as he sped the hulking vehicles across Kent on at least four occasions.

Footage seized from Ebbels' home computer and mobile phones showed the boy, who was too young to hold even a preliminary driving licence, reach speeds of more than 70mph in rush hour traffic.

The shocking clips – filmed in daylight and darkness – are thought to have been captured on the M20 and clearly show overhead motorway gantries.

Police said the pair had grown close because of a mutual passion for coaches and buses.

Medway magistrates handed Ebbels a six

month suspended sentence for handing over his keys to the teenager and banned him from driving for a year on Monday last week.

The boy racer, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was ordered to attend regular meetings with Medway's Young Offender's Team.

Officers swooped on Ebbels' home in Chatham in November 2006, seizing his computer and several mobile phones as part of a different investigation.

Technical experts discovered the footage on the computer's hard drive, two mobile phones and a memory card from a third phone, leading to charges of aiding and abetting dangerous driving.

Detective Constable Kay Sankey said: "Ebbels' actions were extremely foolhardy and totally irresponsible.

"The mile-o-meter in some clips showed speeds exceeding 70mph while driving on busy motorways.

"It could have caused a terrible accident."

In sentencing, chairman of the bench Mrs Fleisig said: "You will be sentenced to 180 days imprisonment, suspended for one year.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

Jail for making images of abuse

A FORMER council schools chief has been jailed for a year after admitting downloading more than 4,000 indecent images of children.

Dean Waller, 34, who lost his job as a Medway council pupil services manager when charges were brought against him, pleaded guilty to ten cases of making sick images of youngsters being abused.

Maidstone Crown Court heard Waller had a sexual interest in children between the ages of 13 and 16.

Of the harrowing images Waller downloaded ten were rated at level five – the most extreme – and featured children as young as five.

The pervert was arrested last November after Kent police were contacted by German authorities investigating a website used to download and distribute child pornography.

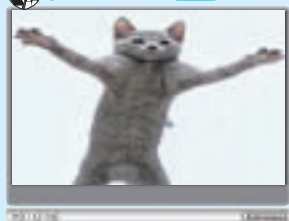
In sentencing Judge Martin Joy banned Waller from having access to the internet and having unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16 until further notice.

Waller, from Tunbridge Wells, has been placed on the Sex Offenders Register.

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Comedy cats with Joe Pasquale
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Thieves ride away with bikes worth £12,000

SIX specialist bikes worth a total of £12,000 have been stolen from a cycle shop in Strood.

Thieves broke into the Geoff Wiles Cycle shop in Cuxton Road between 7.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday, March 12, smashing a rear door to gain entry.

It is thought a dark-coloured people carrier was used to carry the stolen bikes away.

DC Les Bingham said: "The stolen bikes are aimed at a specialist market of keen amateur and professional cyclists.

"They are highly distinctive and include a cherry red cycle and a bright yellow cycle.

"I would like to hear from anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the area or has since been offered one of the bicycles.

"I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have seen a dark people carrier or van parked outside the cycle shop or in a car park next to the store at the time of the theft."

Anyone with information can call Mr Bingham on 01634 792529.

ASBO teen not to swear or urinate in public places

A TEENAGER has been handed an ASBO banning him from urinating in public places.

Matthew Steers, 17, of Canal Road, Strood, must also abide by four other conditions after magistrates turned an interim ASBO into a full order on Tuesday last week.

The teenager is banned from entering Kingswear Gardens in Strood, using swear words or being rude to any person in a public place, contacting any witnesses who gave evidence in court, and kicking or throwing a football against a wall, house or window that belongs to another person.

PC Angela Martin, who co-ordinated the case, said: "This action is about enforcing acceptable levels of behaviour and creating an environment in which people can feel safe.

"We will not hesitate in taking action against the minority of people who are intent on intimidating or harassing others.



BANNED: Matthew Steers has an ASBO

"I would like to urge anyone who sees Matthew breaching the conditions of this order to contact officers at Medway police station."

Anyone who spots Matthew breaching the terms of the ASBO is asked to call Medway police on 01634 891055.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Police open doors to future volunteers**

AN open morning will be held at Medway police station on Saturday to encourage volunteers to take on roles in the police.

Chief Superintendent Jan Stephens said: "We are looking for people aged 16 to 70, who are enthusiastic and have useful experience or knowledge in a particular field."

The event will be held between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, March 29.

For more details call Louise Poulton on 01634 792155.

Learn English for less

HALF-price tuition fees are now available for residents joining a course in English for Speakers of Other Languages.

The Adult Education Service offer runs until Thursday, July 31.

Courses will be held at the service's centre in Green Street, Gillingham, and Eastgate, Rochester, running both in the daytime and evening.

Anyone interested can phone 01634 338400 or call into either centre. A member of the ESOL team will help identify people's learning needs and suggest a suitable course, as well as discuss tuition fees and eligibility for concessions.

Cookery for children

FUTURE Nigella Lawsons and Jamie Olivers will learn how to rustle up healthy meals during a Chatham cookery course.

Children will be taught how to select and measure ingredients, and cook a culinary feast during a four-week Little Chefs programme at All Saints' Sure Start Children's Centre, starting on Friday.

Nutritionist David Lee, who runs the course, said: "Little Chefs gives children the opportunity to learn about ingredients and what different foods taste like."

For more information call 01634 338833.

Boys to meet mayor

STUDENTS from Chatham Grammar School for Boys will visit the Mayor of Medway at the Municipal Buildings tomorrow.

The youngsters will meet Cllr Val Goulden between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Mrs Goulden will then host a snooker match with residents at Pembroke House in Gillingham from 2.50pm to 5pm, before heading to Sir John Moore Barracks in the evening for the Mayor of Folkestone's charity curry evening.

Web cook-a-long gives you the dish of the day

■ BY JULIE MADDOCKS

THE opportunity to cook alongside a top restaurant chef in your own home doesn't come along everyday of the week.

Well – now it does, thanks to a new series of features on our free broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

We sent a video crew along to a top restaurant to learn how to cook one of its best-loved dishes – and now you can log-on and cook-a-long too.

We know that fish is good for us, and that we should eat a lot more of it.

It's an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and oily fish is particularly nutritious containing high levels of the fatty acid, omega-3.

However, it doesn't change the fact that even some of the most experienced in the kitchen, find the idea of cooking it daunting.

We're blessed with an abundance of fresh

seafood here in Kent, with some of the best being hauled into quayside markets. One of these is based in the big shed on Whitstable quay, with the Crab & Winkle Restaurant directly above it.

Head chef at the restaurant is Ben Walton, whose passion for all things edible from the sea, comes from his training in a Relais & Chateau-listed seafood restaurant on the coast of Normandy, France.

This invaluable experience led him to work in some of the country's premier kitchens, and he now runs his own in Whitstable, but what made him choose this corner of Kent?

He explained: "It's a beautiful place. As a chef it's important to be close to the source of the product you're cooking."

"We get lovely fish here, and we're associated with the fish market downstairs. We can go down and see what the fishermen are bringing

in, we're a little bit spoilt on what we can lay our hands on."

So why is it that so many people are nervous of cooking this essential ingredient?

"They don't know what to do with it," says Ben, "to begin with we should always try and keep it simple."

"If you're worried about bones, get the fishmonger to fillet it properly for you."

So, is it really that difficult to cook?

Ben agreed to let me into his busy kitchen to try my hand at cooking one of the restaurant's headline dishes – pan-fried mackerel with a warm bacon and potato salad.

With a quick outline from Ben, the recipe seemed relatively straightforward.

But is there an essential tip he could help us with when making the meal at home?

"When cooking, try and err on the side of caution," Ben warned, "don't over cook it, there's nothing worse than dried-out fish."

Log-on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk to cook the dish for yourself.



...AND THIS IS HOW TO DO IT

If you want to try it for yourself, log onto www.yourkenttv.co.uk and cook-along with Ben Walton from the Crab & Winkle.

We will be visiting some of the leading restaurants in the county, guided through recipes, preparation and cooking of culinary delights.

The ingredients you need to cook-a-long with our very own Julie Maddocks are below. To find the clip search for 'Maddocks'.

MACKEREL, BACON AND POTATO SALAD (to feed 4)

- 4 large mackerel fillets
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Join the Saturday night switch-off and help save our planet

MAJOR landmarks across the country will be plunged into darkness on Saturday as part of an international campaign to raise awareness of global warming.

Earth Hour strikes at 8pm on Saturday – and for one-hour businesses, historic sites, and homes will turn off non-essential lighting.

And this newspaper urges all our readers to show solidarity with the campaign and switch off their lighting for 60 minutes.

Created to take a stand against 'the greatest threat our planet has ever faced', Earth Hour will roll out across the world with a host of major cities committing to the campaign.

Driving awareness of Earth Hour locally is commercial radio station Invicta FM. It has transformed March into 'Green Month' with a series of special features to encourage people to alter their lifestyles.

Marketing manager Richard Roberts explained: "We want people to realise that by making slight changes to the way they live, they can make a real difference to protecting the environment."

"It's easy to do and it's the right thing to do. We know turning the lights off for an hour will not change the world, but it is a symbol-

■ BY NICK AMES

ic gesture to raise awareness of some key issues which effect us all."

Among those landmarks flicking the off-switch will be Canterbury Cathedral, Bluewater shopping complex, Gillingham FC's Priestfield stadium, the University of Kent, Strawberry Moons nightclub in Maidstone and the offices of KOS Media – publishers of this newspaper.

And it is hoped thousands of homes will join in too.

Added Mr Roberts: "Almost half of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas which causes climate change, actually come from the things we do every day. Things like leaving lights on unnecessarily or overfilling the kettle all waste energy and result in needless carbon dioxide emissions."

One of Invicta FM's stunts saw breakfast show co-host James Heming buy a £500 van and convert it to running on chip fat – provided by the county's fish 'n' chip shops. He took it on a tour of the county and then all the way to the capital of France – Paris.

• **Join in Earth Hour this Saturday – March 29 – by turning lights off from 8pm until 9pm.**

Watch DJ James head green drive

IF YOU missed seeing Invicta FM star James Heming cruising the county in his chip fat-powered yellow van – never fear, simply log-on to our free, broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Before embarking on his trip to France as part of the station's Green Month, he called into the offices of this newspaper to let us know how we can change our lifestyles to help protect the environment.

To see the interview and the van in action, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search for 'Invicta'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Smoking and obesity targeted by NHS boss

HEALTH hazards such as smoking and obesity have been targeted by Medway's new NHS chief.

Dr Alison Barnett was appointed director of public health earlier this month and has already outlined her plans for the future.

She said: "Although the health of Medway residents has been improving over recent years it still remains worse than the national averages, with lower life expectancy and higher mortality rates from heart disease and stroke."

"I look forward to working with Medway council and Medway Primary Care Trust to develop services which can improve the health of local people."

"This will include tackling some of the big risk factors such as smoking, obesity and lack of physical activity which can lead to ill health, as well as ensuring local people have access to health services that meet their needs."

Dr Barnett trained at University College Hospital Medical School in London and honed her specialist expertise in public health medicine at St Thomas's Hospital in London.

River body is confirmed to be missing father

A BODY found in the River Medway has been confirmed as missing man Christopher Lawless.

The Medway coroner made the announcement on Friday, bringing the police's extensive search to a sad end nearly three weeks after the London clubber went missing.

Officers are not treating his death as suspicious.

Christopher, from the Motingham area, had disappeared after leaving the Amadeus nightclub in Strood at 2.40am on Saturday, February 23. Police used a helicopter and tracking dogs to search for the young father.

An inquest has been opened and adjourned until a later date.

Religious records are a rare and important find

LONG-lost records of the Jezzeelite religious sect have been donated to Medway Archives after spending years in a dusty attic.

The documents date back to the 1880s and include details of the sect's monumental tower which stood at the top of Chatham Hill, and personal records of founders James and Esther Jezzeel.

The historic records had been stored in an attic in a Strood house for years after being salvaged from a Gillingham house clearance.

Council archivist Stephen Dixon said: "We rarely come across such an important find."

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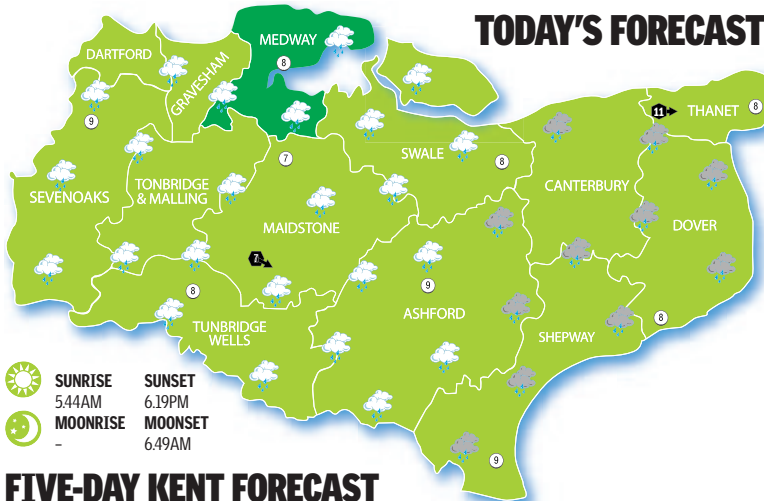


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Fans queue to snap up Status Quo tickets

TICKETS to see rockers Status Quo at this summer's castle concerts have sold out in just seven days.

Thousands went in the first few hours, with fans queuing outside Rochester Visitor Centre for the box office to open, with the remaining tickets snapped up within a week.

Tickets are still on sale for the other three summer concerts, staged in the picturesque surroundings of Rochester Castle.

The Edwin Starr Band will kick off the four-date concerts on Wednesday July 16, joined by Brenda Edwards and The Soul Traders.

Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra plays the following night, with guest appearances from former Soft Cell frontman Marc Almond, Gilson Lavis, Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall.

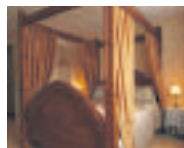
Status Quo play on Friday, before the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra bring proceedings to a close on Saturday July 19.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

STEPHEN DIXON



Q Can you tell us about yourself?

A I'm 46 and originally from Somerset. I am a history graduate of St Andrews University and hold a postgraduate diploma in archive administration from University College, Dublin. I began my career at Canterbury Cathedral Archives, moving to Leicestershire Record Office in 1986 and Medway in 1990. My hobbies are boating, dogs, walking, cycling and reading.

Q How did the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre come about?

A Medway city council inherited a large quantity of historic local government records from Rochester city council, Chatham borough council and Strood rural district council in 1974. Councillors identified these as worthy of permanent preservation and public access, so following negotiations with Kent County Council and the UK's Public Record Office, it was decided to open a new local archives service, known as Rochester upon Medway City Archives in 1990. Three years later local studies collections and librarians joined us from local town centre libraries to create Rochester upon Medway Studies Centre. Then in 1998, when Rochester upon Medway and Gillingham borough council were replaced by Medway council, we were renamed Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre, and acquired the records of Gillingham borough council. Medway council became an archives authority in its own right.

Q What work do you do?

A I manage the council's documentary heritage, modern records of client departments including legal and children's services, and collections on loan to us from outside organisations including schools, charities and churches. I document these collections, arrange for the conservation and repair of any documents identified as being decayed or damaged, mount exhibitions, advise researchers on how to exploit our collections and manage and edit our online database, CityArk (<http://cityark.medway.gov.uk>), the first piece-level local government archives website in the UK.

Q What are your most treasured items?

A Our most famous and important document is the Textus Roffensis, compiled c.1123, containing unique copies of the first English laws and the earliest record of the English language, dating from the early 7th century. The book forms part of the Rochester Cathedral archives. From January 21 this year it has been possible to view the most important pages of the Textus Roffensis via the British Library's Turning the Pages 2 web page <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/ttp/tpbooks.html>, following Medway council's winning of the British Library's Hidden Treasures Competition, which we shared with Rochester Cathedral. Rochester city council's charters date from 1227 and its earliest minutes from

1621, while the Gillingham borough records include manorial records dating from 1315.

The crowning glory of the Rochester City Archives is the Customal, dating from 1537 and was still in use as late as 1960. It contains illuminated coats of arms of mayors and visiting VIPs, bye-laws and a fragmentary stray French Arthurian legend from c.1460. The earliest parish records in our custody date from the 14th century. Our oldest document in its own right is a cathedral charter of about 1080.

Q How much work is involved with restoration?

A Sadly, some documents are handed to us in poor condition. Subject to the availability of funds, we pass these to professional archival conservators and repairers for cleaning, paper or parchment infilling, de-acidification, rebinding and encapsulation in inert plastic.

Q How important is it to have an archives centre?

A Without Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre it is hard to see how the documentary heritage of the Medway area could survive. We hold some of the most important collections and documents in the English speaking world and welcome the addition of archives, relevant to Medway's history. We strive to assist the council's policy of equipping Medway as a City of Learning and Culture, and are currently liaising with the universities of Greenwich and Kent at Medway to enhance history courses.



The archivist took the time to talk to **Simon Robinson** about the work of the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre, their prized possessions and what the historical archives means to the area of Medway

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'I really enjoyed my course. I learnt a lot, made some great friends.'
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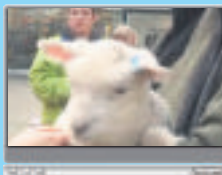
Making Fairtrade chocolate goodies at Temper Temper in Tunbridge Wells. Julie Maddocks becomes chocolatier for a day.



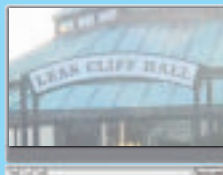
The Ether meets Canterbury musician Duncan Black and asks for his thoughts on the Kent music scene.



Discovering the launch site in France used to fire V1 missiles at London during World War Two.



Maidstone shoppers at Fremfins Walk meet some real Easter rabbits and other animals.



More than 120 youngsters want to be part of this year's Community Theatre Project in Folkestone – the musical Annie.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Cheetah on the hunt in Kent countryside

BY NICK AMES

THE first cheetah to be allowed to run through the English countryside made its debut during the Easter weekend.

Nine-month-old Boumani – which means warrior in the language of its native Malawi – became the first big cat in the UK to demonstrate how these magnificent animals hunt in the wild.

The cheetah is the latest addition to the menagerie at Eagle Heights wild animal rescue centre just outside Eynsford on the North Downs.

The animal – native to the plains of Africa – is already attracting a following of fans, and wildlife experts hope he can be “an ambassador for his species”, raising awareness of the plight of these endangered animals.

Jonathan Ames has been training Boumani, who arrived in the UK from a zoo in Germany.

He said: “He came here six months ago and has been around people ever since. He is obviously not fully grown, but it is starting to develop muscles and speed.

“At the moment he is not as quick as he will be when an adult – cheetahs have been timed at being able to go from 0 to 70mph in just three seconds.

“Because of the quarantine laws this has been the first week we have allowed him to go outside – and he has really taken to the countryside.”

Boumani’s “best pal” since arriving in this country has been black Lakeland terrier dog Mr T, and they both continue to play together.

As they knock each other around the cheetah retracts his sharp claws as far as he can.

But outside it is a different story as the big cat – tethered to a harness and static line – hunts down his food via a pulley system which drags along rabbit carcasses at speed.

“We have tried to recreate the hunting situation as closely as possible,” said Jonathan. “So a winch system pulls along a dead rabbit and Boumani gives chase.

“This will be the way we will demonstrate to visitors how a cheetah chases – it is the only such display in the country and the next best thing to a



Pictures PAUL JERRARD



SPEED: Like all cats, Boumani likes to get his tummy tickled trip to Africa for those with an interest in wildlife.”

Visitors’ fees to Eagle Heights will also be contributing to cheetah charities which help to preserve the endangered species in its natural habitat.

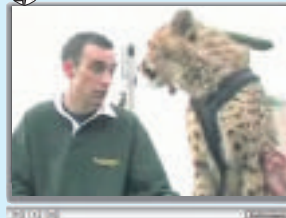
To see Boumani in action watch the video clip on www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Eagle Heights also has birds of prey, snakes and lizards, and its other new attraction is a porcupine from Africa, for visitors to marvel at.

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Watch Boumani the cheetah chase down its dinner

Have you fallen into a pothole?

HIGHWAYS bosses have urged the public to report any potholes they find to help them assess damaged caused to the county’s roads during winter.

Anyone who can help is asked to dial 08458 247 800 and report highway defects direct. Callers will then be given a call reference number, which will enable them to track their report.

The county’s repairs workforce of 56 highways staff fix about 40,000 potholes and damaged road edges each year.

But highways chiefs say they can’t be everywhere at once, and rely on the support of communities and residents to report potholes and other defects.

Kent Highway Services head of community operations Kim Hills said: “Here in Kent we have one of the largest road networks of any authority in the UK, with a high proportion of rural roads.

“Potholes can form quickly, particularly during the winter months when surface and ground water can be extensive.

“It is important the public inform us when they discover a pothole, so we can deal with it as effectively as possible.”

Minister will let you live longer

THE Government intends to raise life expectancy across Kent by 18 months.

Setting out a new health strategy, the Regional Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw, said addressing the inequalities between Kent’s districts would lead to a rise in life expectancy.

The strategy identifies that Kent is generally healthier than the rest of the country, but there are significant differences in life expectancy between districts.

Male life expectancy is lower and the early death rate due to cancer is higher in Thanet than in Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Shepway and Swale.

Although the proportion of adults who smoke in Kent is low, the figure for Thanet is higher than the national average.

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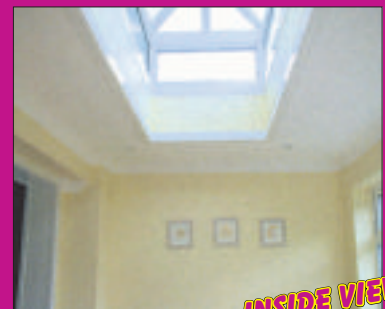


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C diff victim's relative backs our campaign



BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE son-in-law of one of the 90 patients who died during super-bug outbreaks at hospitals in west Kent has since been campaigning tirelessly for improved hygiene and infection control.

Florrie Field, described by her family as a "very fit and active" 86-year-old, died from Clostridium difficile at Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells after she contracted the highly infectious diarrhoea bug in May 2006.

Tony Charlton wrote a number of letters to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's management and the local press, which anticipated many of the findings of the Healthcare Commission's damning report published last October.

Delighted

This week he welcomed KOS Media's campaign to involve the whole of Kent in improving hygiene and infection control in healthcare centres and hospitals, and at home and places of work across the county.

"I was delighted to see the campaign in the Your midweek newspapers. At last I am optimistic on the hospital front and there have



AWARENESS: Tony Charlton, with wife Brenda, campaigning to support the hospital clean-up in a bid to prevent spread of infections like C diff, which killed 86-year-old Florrie Field (right)

been tremendous strides there [at the trust]. "I have always said that the staff want to do the right thing, but needed the support and encouragement of management.

"There is obviously a long way to go to defeat these awful diseases, but the will is clearly now there.

"Now is the time to minimise these infections, because it isn't just a problem in hospitals.

"These infections are everywhere - they are just bound to hit the vulnerable in hospitals," he said.

Mr Charlton has been in regular contact with the Health Secretary Alan Johnson, who last week lent his backing to KOS Media's campaign, since meeting him at Maidstone Hospital in the wake of the health watchdog's report.

He said Mr Johnson's letters have always been open and frank, and that he has shown



a determination to beat the bugs not seen in his predecessors.

Mr Charlton, who lives in East Sussex with his wife Brenda, said the one thing he was concerned about was the prevalence of alcohol hand gel in hospitals.

While alcohol kills MRSA only soap and water removes C diff spores.

He believed the prominence of the gel lulled people into a false sense of security about hand hygiene.

"What will work is good general hygiene - frequent hand washing with soap and water, clean clothes and avoiding visiting a hospital patient if you feel under the weather yourself," he added.



THUMBS UP: New 512-bed Pembury Hospital

Final approval up for £227m new hospital

THE Government has finally given the go-ahead to a £227 million Private Finance Initiative hospital planned for west Kent.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is celebrating after the Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson gave final approval for the scheme in the House of Commons on Tuesday last week.

Mr Johnson was responding to a question from Tunbridge Wells' Conservative MP Greg Clark, who has been campaigning and lobbying Government over the need for the new hospital since he was elected in 2005.

World-class

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, said: "Pembury Hospital will set a new standard in NHS care.

"Local people have waited a long time for this fantastic news and we look forward to the day when the doors of this world-class building open in three years' time."

The 512-bed PFI hospital will be the first NHS acute hospital in the country to have all inpatient single rooms with en-suite facilities.

Mr Douglas was happy to announce that work was expected to start within weeks.

The state-of-the-art hospital will be seven storeys high and provide a full range of services, including planned and emergency surgery, orthopaedics, a woman and children's centre and day case theatres and outpatient services, the trust said.

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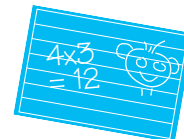
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Among the advantages of the school's mixed sixth form listed on a promotional leaflet are a huge range of subjects to choose from, excellent teaching and a liberal, but responsible atmosphere.

A school spokesman said: "Entry requirements are detailed in our prospectus and on our website."

"Please contact the school for a prospectus and application form or download them from the website. "Alternatively, find us at www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk"

For more details call the Pump Lane school on 01634 364151 or visit www.rainhammark.medway.sch.uk.

Juniors exercise their knowledge

YOUNGSTERS at Barnsole Junior School have been looking into exercise and nutrition as part of a cross-school project with Robert Napier School.

The pupils from the Barnsole Road school in Gillingham have researched ways to keep an athlete fit and the work of muscles and joints, and will present their work tomorrow.

This comes after Barnsole youngsters were invited to the Robert Napier School in Third Avenue, Gillingham, last term to join in a presentation to help promote a charity run by a teacher there.

His aim is to raise money to help disabled children in Kosovo.

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College is on the up with latest course

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A COURSE offering students the tools they need to take the step up to higher education is being offered by Mid-Kent College.

The Youth University Course, run in partnership with the University of Kent, concentrates on developing the personal and study skills necessary for life at university.

Students will become proficient in working as part of a team, giving presentations, developing their research and thinking skills, and learning the importance of meeting deadlines and managing their time.

They also follow a broader subject curriculum studying English, maths, psychology, sociology, communications, science and history.

Close contact will be maintained with the University of Kent, with visits to the campus, opportunities for special study skills sessions and the personal assistance of specially trained student mentors.

The two year Youth UP course will start at the college's Oakwood Park centre in Maidstone in September.

Tutors Lucy Frost and Louisa Horner said they are looking forward to the course getting started.

Lucy said: "Students will be able to experience university life before they enrol and so will be better prepared and able to succeed."

"It is a very exciting development and we can't wait to get the course under way."

"It will be hard work and you need to be really motivated, but at the same time the course is fantastic fun, really sociable and a brilliant opportunity to head off to university confident you have the skills you need."

Louisa said: "Links with the university will



ON THE UP: The Youth UP course is proving an excellent way of preparing students for the move to university

mean we can tailor our studies to the skills that are expected in higher education. Our ongoing work with Kent will prepare our students for learning at a more advanced level."

A one year version has been running successfully at the Horsted centre in Chatham since 2006.

The first group of graduates were all offered places at the universities of their choice.

Learners will embark on courses at the Universities of Kent, Christchurch at Canterbury, Greenwich, Nottingham Trent, Royal Holloway and Middlesex to study courses

including Nursing, Teaching, Engineering, Business, Sociology, Geology and English.

One student said of the course: "It was harder than I expected, but I never thought I would go to university and now I'm here. It was my best year in education."

The 2007 intake of students is on course to achieve the same success when they finish this summer.

Anyone interested in Youth UP is asked to call 01634 402020 or e-mail Louisa Horner at louisa.horner@midkent.ac.uk or Lucy Frost at lucy.frost@midkent.ac.uk.



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Bottled water won't wash away your carbon footprint

THINGS are changing for bottled water suppliers after a public relations disaster that hasn't been matched since Coca Cola's attempt to launch Dasani in this country.

Surely you remember: 2004 the company took water straight out of the tap, treated it and then accidentally made it an alleged cancer risk. Oops.

Millions of bottles had to be recalled and the giant corporation eventually dropped the name (though it's still the second most popular bottled water in the US, where it is just as tasteless but produced differently).

Oops. We've all forgotten that now, haven't we? But now the bottled water industry is about to go into meltdown.

In these green and pleasant times we have suddenly realised there is a huge 'carbon footprint' issue associated with what should be the purest product on the supermarket shelves.

In London, Mayor 'Save the planet, screw the motorist' Livingstone is running a campaign to ensure all restaurants offer tap water alongside over-priced sparkling or still water.

It's really green he says – not the water, the idea of drinking tap not bottled.

Transporting heavy bottled water by roads costs zillions of pounds a year in fuel and obviously causes tons of nasty pollution.

On top of that, the bottles, especially when plastic, cause pollution during manufacturing and then for all of us lazy non-recyclers, spend the next 1,000 years decomposing in a landfill.

But bottled water has massive support. With practically every woman believing that drinking two litres of water a day is good for you, because it flushes out toxins, improves your skin, and well fundamentally make you a healthier person, the bottled water folks have been raking in the cash for the past decade.

Scientifically there is no evidence to support that you need to drink so much. Our bodies are perfectly able to extract enough water from food to meet our daily requirements anyway.

When bottled water first went on sale in the early 1980s everyone thought it was a joke – bubbly Perrier was something for those funny Frenchies and we all knew you didn't drink the tap water in foreign countries.

Around that time there was a lot of sugges-

tion our tap water was a bit mucky. A coincidence, or a clever bit of PR by bottled water companies and people trying to sell filters.

The good part was the water suppliers cleaned up their act and now our water is genuinely pure, safe and something to celebrate. Anyway none of that matters.

What we need to do now is save the planet. So, stop buying bottled water, just turn on your tap. It's the easy way to reduce your carbon footprint.

Except in Kent of course. And here's the rub.

We in Kent don't have enough water. The sun shines for three days and we have a hosepipe ban, while the rest of the country laughs at us.

So, what will happen if instead of buying bottled water at the supermarket and lugging it back home we all start drinking tap water?

We'll have even more water shortages, that's what. This carbon footprint issue is never easy...

Next time, why producing concrete for a wind turbine foundation causes more pollution than the turbine will save in its lifetime.

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THE 2008 Hard Rock Calling concerts in Hyde Park, London June 28 and 29 which are presented by Hard Rock International have announced this year's headline artists.

Returning to Hyde Park over a decade after his last headlining performance, the legendary Eric Clapton will headline (Saturday, June 28), and will be joined by special guests Sheryl Crow and John Mayer, with more acts to be announced shortly.

The Police, following their hugely successful world tour, are to headline on Sunday, June 29 with special guests KT Tunstall and Starsailor, again with more acts to be added to the bill.

Eric Clapton's career has endured for more than 40 years, resulting in 18 Grammy Awards and he has earned the distinct honour of being the only triple inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Considered one of the world's finest guitarists, Clapton was a member of such seminal rock bands as Cream and Blind Faith as well as being highly recognised for his solo work. His recently released autobiography quickly became one of the best-selling rock memoirs of all time.

Over the course of her career, Sheryl Crow has collaborated with everyone from The Rolling Stones to Kid Rock to Willie Nelson. She has won countless awards (including nine Grammy Awards) and she has sold over 10 million albums worldwide. Sheryl continues writing new music and her latest album Detours (which is also her sixth studio record) came out on February 18. Detours is lyrically the most politically and personally outspoken record of her career, addressing the current state of the world from different perspectives as well as some of the personal challenges she's faced over the last few years.

During their time together The Police (Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers) had five

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number one albums, a succession of top 10 singles, received six Grammy Awards and two Brits. The band reformed last year, playing their first live performances in the UK since 1983, to widespread critical acclaim. These sold out UK dates were part of The Police world tour.

Your Local has teamed up with Live Nation to offer NINE of our lucky readers the chance to win a pair of VIP tickets for this fantastic t w o - d a y event.

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TALK TIME

JAMES WAUDBY

The lighting designer on his award-winning company and his mission to promote sustainable business



Tell us about yourself and your work.

I specialise in architectural and environmental (landscape) installations. I am also creative director of Astral Design, a company based in Chatham that specialises in all manner of event productions. At Astral we are heavily involved in outdoor events, promenade theatre, concert stages, conference and award shows. We are recipients of Medway Creative Business of the Year award and have recently received a commendation at the Kent Sustainable Business Awards. We are committed to minimising carbon emissions and only use biodiesel to power our shows.

How does Medway affect your work?

On the whole it doesn't, apart from the fact that this is where I am based and I have access to London and the Continent. I am confident that art collective Made In Medway is going to make a huge difference to all of us. Here our work is not only countrywide, but also worldwide. In recent years we have collaborated with artists from Argentina, France, Spain and we have travelled widely across Europe. We do a degree of work in Medway and are sponsors of a lot of events for good causes here, but we don't seem to be commissioned to work here.

What has been the highlight in your career?

There have been many. I have worked with many of my heroes and even turned some down. I have been privileged to work with some of the best landscapes and buildings on offer. Most recently I lit up the National Arboretum at Westonbirt, which was really cool. The achievement was running it on state-of-the-art LED and discharge technology, thus reducing fuel consumption by 75 per cent. The remaining 25 per cent was fuelled by biodiesel, saving a further 76 tonnes of carbon emissions. I'm hoping the Forestry Commission and similar organisations will see it is possible to use something other than red diesel in their machines too.

YOUR LETTERS



Article was biased and insulting

I find your article on sickness absence at Medway council offensive.

The article states that 'skiving council workers' are 'wasting thousands of pounds of YOUR money'.

Well, for a start, council workers also pay council tax, being ill isn't as yet a crime and the article also neglects to state that the biggest cause of absence is surgery.

Other reasons given are epilepsy/seizures, liver disorders and so on. Hardly 'skiving' – or should someone rise up from their sick bed the same day as having surgery?

You mention depression as if it is an imaginary illness (or excuse as your article calls it), well I suggest you ask someone who has suffered from it.

Incidentally, rates of absence due to depression actually decreased.

I don't suppose your biased, insulting article would help



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anyone's state of mind though.

I have no personal interest in Medway council, but I am fed up with people who are ill being

kicked when they are down.

Kirsty Stokes
Rochester
By email

Angry that crime really does pay

I was recently floored by a statement made on BBC's the One Show by that appalling little man Jeffery Archer, that cons in jail can earn up to £12 per day if they get on to cleaning duties, and £8 if they do other jobs.

How and where do these totally ludicrous amounts come from and what basis is there to rationalise them.

I am a carer for my disabled partner at home and as I cannot work outside the home at present my weekly income is £48 carers' allowance.

I have tried contacting Medway MP Bob Marshall-Andrews on this issue, but this man will not give me the common decency of a sensible reply, as with all his colleagues, who are unwilling to answer any questions I have put to him.

It really does seem that the Government is so far removed from real life that they have embraced the theory that 'crime does pay'.

Someone surely must be brought to answer the people who elect them on concerns such as this.

Scott Burns
Cliffe Woods
By email

Wardens are killing our town centre

So 'The Rise of the Cyber Wardens' (Yourmedway March 12) has nothing to do with making money for the council, according to Councillor Phil Filmer?

The council has already admitted that it is to make up for the shortfall in council tax.

Money made from parking is



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supposed to be used for the parking administration and any surplus to be used for the improvement of public transport.

Money taken in fines from car parks, though, can be used for the general fund. No wonder parking wardens go around, in pairs, in the car parks.

How can a shopper who has overstayed their time in a car park actually be classed as illegally parking?

The shopper is bringing trade to our towns and should be welcomed here.

I have come across quite a few motorists who have been fined for overstaying their welcome and have said they wouldn't come back.

If a shop started charging an entrance fee to enter their shop they wouldn't get very many customers.

Another reason the council has admitted these new restrictions are being introduced is to keep traffic moving.

They are right, the traffic is moving – moving out of Medway to the various shopping centres with free parking. No wonder our towns are dying.

Another point, a fine is supposed to be a punishment for doing wrong. So how can the council impose fines on people without taking them to court first? Are we becoming a fascist state?

Peter Nassan
Chatham

Do you know where Molly Smith is now?

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Molly Smith, maiden name Molly

Shannon, who married in the Chatham area?

She is an old school friend of mine and we were at the Westlands School in Sittingbourne, circa 1956. Can she please contact me.

Linda Graham
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The sea could solve power problems

How I agree with Bill Hyde in support of nuclear power to generate enough energy to keep the lights on.

Even I as a layman know that the wind in winter is never reliable enough to supply our needs.

I too cannot understand why we do not make better use of hydroelectric power, as we have many suitable areas of the country that could be used with much less visual impact than wind farms.

Regarding the whole global warming issue, I think that it will all be a huge scare with no scientific basis and go the same way as the hole in the ozone layer and before that acid rain, of which now we hear nothing.

Perhaps if the warming and cooling cycles are not natural, would someone explain why we had a ice age and why it warmed up again.

My radical solution to save the planet would be to develop a virus that eradicated all human life, that way the problem would be gone.

It's all nonsense, it's just a way of making money out of us and give us sleepless nights.

I Smith
By email

Have a heart and join our running team

HEART UK is delighted to have been chosen as one of the two official charities for the Flora London Marathon 2008.

As a relatively small national charity we have a massive challenge: to raise awareness about the dangers of raised cholesterol, especially inherited high cholesterol (IHC), and save young lives.

IHC affects one person in every 100 in the UK today but, being a silent condition, fewer than 15 per cent of cases are diagnosed in time, leaving more than 500,000 people at risk of early cardiovascular disease which can cause heart attack, stroke and premature death.

IHC can kill fit young people in their 20s, 30s and 40s, suddenly and without warning.

In order to maximise our presence on the marathon course – and so increase vital awareness about IHC – HEART UK invites any runner with their own place in the Flora London Marathon on Sunday April 13 to join our Teamredlaced and enjoy all the benefits of running in an exciting, supportive team.

We would love you to wear our Teamredlaced vest and redlaced, raise some funds through www.justgiving.co.uk and help us to paint the town red!

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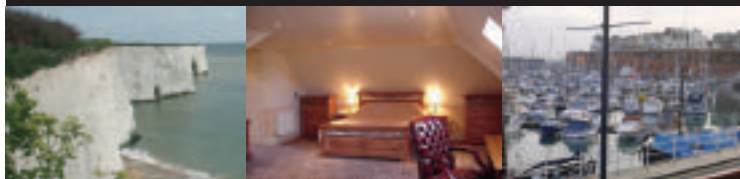
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By Dickens! What an interesting life

Robert Powell shares an insight into famous author at The Trinity Theatre

ROBERT POWELL: A
VICTORIAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 29

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



ONE of Britain's most respected actors will be celebrating another national treasure at The Trinity Theatre this weekend.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration sees the acclaimed performer exploring the life and work of Charles Dickens, the creator of some of literature's most enduring characters. Through Dickens' letters and writings, along with those of his friends and contemporaries, Powell shines a light on the writer's fascinating life.

Recreating some of the most memorable scenes ever written, from the romantic to the macabre, the play is a funny and moving experience.

Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812, where his father worked as a clerk at the Royal Dockyard. The family moved to London and then Kent with his childhood in Chatham and Rochester inspiring much of his later work.

Award

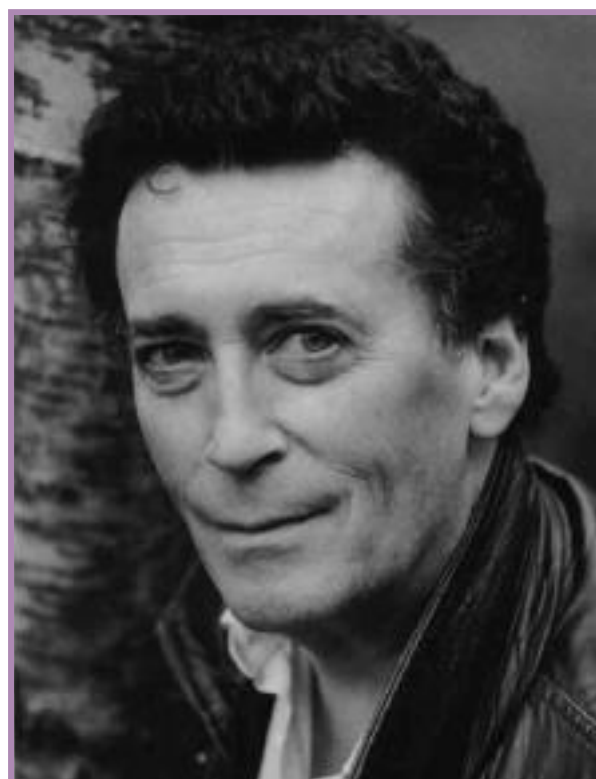
The lively and talented mimic was determined to build on his modest education, which ended at the age of 15, to eventually become a newspaper reporter. Dickens became a household name when his stories were published in instalments in newspapers and by the time he died in 1870, he had completed 14 novels.

Salford-born Robert Powell, 63, took up acting as an undergraduate at Manchester University. One of his earliest parts was as a driver in the original version of *The Italian Job*, but it was his role as scientist Toby Wren in the 1970 BBC series *Doomwatch* that was to make him a pin-up.

Powell followed this success with regular television roles and occasional film appearances, such as *Mahler* in 1974 and Ken Russell's *Tommy* the following year.

Perhaps the most iconic moment came with his BAFTA-nominated portrayal of Christ in the series *Jesus of Nazareth*. The cast also featured Sir Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Rod Steiger and James Mason, and Powell picked up the TV Times Best Actor award for his performance.

His leading role as Richard Hannay in the 1978 version of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* led to him reprising the part almost 10 years later in the TV series *Hannay*. Over the years he has won Best Actor awards at the Paris



and Venice Film Festivals and continued to enjoy a successful career in film, television and on the stage.

His distinctive voice has always been in demand for advertising campaigns, audio books and musical works. Earlier this year he acted as the Narrator in Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

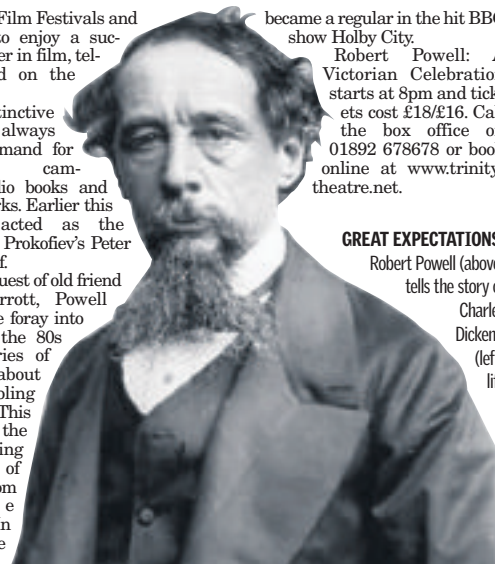
At the request of old friend Jasper Carrott, Powell made a rare foray into comedy in the 80s with a series of sketches about two bumbling policemen. This resulted in the pair filming five series of spin-off sitcom *The Detectives*. In 2005 he

became a regular in the hit BBC show *Holby City*.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18/£16. Call the box office on 01892 678678 or book online at www.trinity-theatre.net.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS:

Robert Powell (above) tells the story of Charles Dickens' (left) life

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CBEEBIES AT THE THEATRE - LET'S PLAY!

Friday, March 28 to Sunday, March 30
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

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They ride a runaway train with Postman Pat and Jess, charter a boat with Tamba from Tikkabilla and find Boo in the jungle. They even have time to discover compost with Bill and Ben before joining a rock 'n' roll band with the Jakers.

Performances start at 4.30pm on Friday and 11am and 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £11 for children and £44 for families of four. Call the box office on 01322 220000 or book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

EVERYONE'S favourite stars from CBeebies have joined forces to bring fun and music to the Orchard Theatre.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Sunday, April 6 to Sunday, April 13
Central Theatre, Chatham

FORMER boy-band star Antony Costa will be performing in this year's spectacular community musical, *Beauty and the Beast*.

The Blue singer will play the Beast and he will be joined by popular children's TV presenter Barney Harwood as the court jester, Jangles. An ensemble cast made up of 250 local people has been rehearsing hard to perfect the show, which is the latest of Evolution Productions' successful community projects.

As a member of Blue, Costa sold more than seven million records. Since then he has enjoyed a number of TV appearances and a successful stage career.

BAFTA-winning presenter Harwood is currently hosting the hit Saturday morning show *Swap Shop* with Basil Brush. He is also an accomplished theatre performer and musician.

Tickets cost £15/£14 for adults and £12/£11 for children and concessions. For more information call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit the website at www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.



ONE of Medway's most promising bands, Brigadier Ambrose, will be headlining this week's top quality gig night.

The headline act (pictured) really started to generate a buzz last year when airplay on BBC Radio One and BBC Six Music, an acclaimed debut single and three BBC radio sessions brought them national attention. Blistering performances at Suffolk's Latitude festival and Alan McGee's Death Disco cemented the band's live status.

So far, the band has turned down two record deals and continues to release material through its own Brigadier Records.

The main support act will be Intraverse, a four-piece whose unique brand of new rock has also attracted the attention of Radio One

BRIGADIER AMBROSE

Friday, March 28
Beacon Court Tavern, Gillingham

and respected producers David Hentschel and Nick Moroch. Opening the show will be energetic Medway trio, Aliquot Flow, who will be playing tracks from their new EP *Fiction Undiscovered*.

The gig, presented by Black & White Music Promotions, starts at 9pm and tickets cost £5 on the door or £3.50 if booked in advance at www.wegotickets.com. A strict no under-18s policy will be in place. For more information go online at www.beaconcourttavern.com.

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There's so much to do at Chatham Dockyard

THERE are plenty of holiday activities on offer at The Historic Dockyard this spring.

Visitors can enjoy interactive storytelling, brass rubbing, colouring activities and a fun family trail at the dockyard in Chatham from Saturday to April 20. All activities are included in the admission price.

The Historic Dockyard is open from 10am to 6pm daily. To find out more call 01634 823800 or visit the website at www.thedockyard.co.uk.

There's lots of bidding to be done at the church

THE annual parish auction is being held at St Peter's Church Parish Centre in Rochester this weekend.

Interested bidders can view the lots at the centre in Delce Road from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday before the auction starts at 6pm. Catalogues and light refreshments will be available.

For more information call 01634 848900.

Comedy Inc night is a beacon for laughter

FOUR more great acts will be appearing at this month's Comedy Inc night on Sunday.

Andi Osho, Snorri Hergill, Rachel Anderson and Ava Vidal are all on the bill at the Beacon Court Tavern in Canterbury Street, Gillingham. The MC will be Richard Coughlan and the show starts at 7.30pm.

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Attracting guests from across the county and with regulars from London, one highly recommended dish is fine fillet of pork with fresh basil and Pecorino cheese, accompanied by root vegetable mash and potatoes.

Director Edward Gaskin said: "The position of Acqua – alongside one of the oldest working creeks with its brick warehousing, wildlife and the ebb and flow of the tide, along with the materials which make up the building, make the place unique."

"The personalities of those working in the restaurant along with the constantly evolving menu and the eclectic wine list all add to this."

"Every variable has to be met with top marks. No matter how good your cooking is, if your front of house lets you down – or vice versa – forget it."

Edward is also proud of his chefs – which true to the calling of their culinary art – have volatile personalities.

He said: "Chefs are probably the most difficult and attention-seeking humans on this Earth, and having been in business for 28 years, I can honestly say I have never met such awkward individuals."

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Spice Court

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Top dishes at the moment include sizzling chicken, made with pieces of chicken, sliced onion, Worcester sauce, peppers and fresh garlic.

Another favourite is Marisa chicken, made with fresh chilli, Taba chicken, garlic herb yoghurt and special spices.

Situated opposite Gillingham railway station, Spice Court is just off Gillingham High Street, meaning customers have ease of access, especially after a hard day shopping or



even just sampling the street market.

The restaurant boasts a modern and trendy setting with both modern British and Indian artwork.

The floor is separated into smoking and non-smoking areas for the comfort of customers.

All areas are fully air-conditioned to put you at ease. A romantic setting is provided with low lights, a candle and of course flowers provided.

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She also listed her most important qualities for running a successful restaurant.



"They are good people; family; good decoration and... don't forget, good food."

The restaurant is open weekdays from 12-3pm then 5pm-11pm and on weekends from 12-11pm.

CHEF RECOMMENDS

Spice court

Starter: Aloo chaat/Chicken chaat.

Small pieces of chicken or potatoes cooked with massala, tomato and cucumber, with hot and sharp flavours.

Main: Why not try a speciality curry, like lemongrass chicken or lamb. Succulent pieces of lamb or chicken are cooked with a slight touch of spice, and served in a lemongrass and curry leaf sauce. Then add lemon rice and a stuffed paratha (wheat bread stuffed with vegetables).

Water Palace

Starter: Vegetarian mixed hors d'oeuvres, which consists of seaweed, vegetarian spring rolls, onion rings, salt and pepper bean curd, and crispy won ton.

Main: Mixed vegetable fried vermicelli, bean curd with Chinese mushrooms and bamboo shoots, and mixed vegetables in oyster sauce.

Dessert: Apple fritter with lots of warm syrup.

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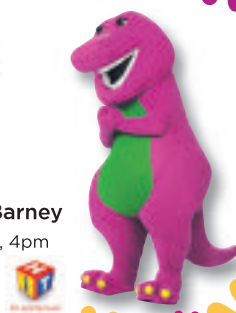
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Mysterious songwriter shares acoustic sounds

BY GARETH ARNOLD

DARK and eclectic singer songwriter Lupen Crook is featured on this week's Ether playing two acoustic tracks.

The Ether is the exclusive online showcase for the top local talent on our free, broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The idiosyncratic songwriter, who cultivates an air of mystery around his life and work, signed to Chatham-based record label Tap'n' Tin Records in 2005, the label which grew out of the popular Medway night-spot.

It released his latest album, *Iscariot The Ladder*, which prompted a great deal of interest in the music press. And it marks a significant departure from previous solo work.

Appearing as Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds, Crook's band add distorted guitar and rock drums to the mix on an album which, despite its obvious progression, has still garnered a great deal of praise.

And with a forthcoming mini-tour of New York booked for April, Crook is set to test how America will take his twisted, idiosyncratic approach to music.

The tunes combine folk and ska, and skiffle, as well as raucous gipsy folk and whiskey-soaked rockabilly, and often display huge dynamics reminiscent of The Pixies.

A Medway boy himself, Lupen Crook has long been a feature on the Kent music scene, playing in several local bands which gained moderate success.

Exploring grunge and rock psychedelia in Pet Burger and Bonsai Reservoir respectively, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds are a very



IDIOSYNCRATIC SONGWRITER: Lupen Crook is about to embark on a New York tour plus a date in Canterbury

different proposition to Crook's previous work.

Often described as haunting, the songs can also be almost disturbingly intense. Crook's lyrics and themes are more often than not a morbid examination of life's darker details.

This fascination with the macabre has prompted tongue-in-cheek comparisons with Edgar Allen Poe, including the suggestion that hearing the band was like listening to Edgar Allen Poe fronting The Cramps.

Crook has admitted that this influence

comes from growing up in the mixed and sometimes violent crucible of the Medway towns, with its chequered history and varied literary connections.

Before they head to New York, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds have a few dates in London, as well as a slot at the Lounge On The Farm Festival near Canterbury.

For more information about the band, visit www.myspace.com/lupencrook and watch the interview with Crook at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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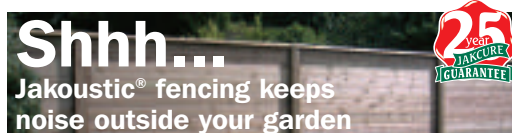
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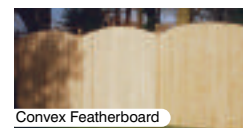
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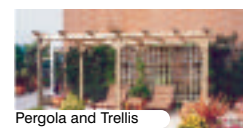


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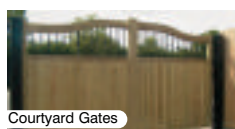


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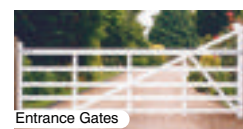


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BY TOM BETTS

CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM
More 4, 00.15am, Monday
THE BIG BANG THEORY
Channel Four, 10.30pm, Thursday

CRIMINALLY under-watched, insanely addictive and probably the funniest show on television right now is Larry David's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

Operating on the premise that seems to apply to my own life (that if something can go wrong then it probably will) our offensive, but lovable protagonist, lurches from one minor disaster to another each week, upsetting or confusing anyone he meets in the process.

No one in Los Angeles is safe. Family friends, doctors, lawyers, maître des and more often than not his own wife, Cheryl, all suffer at the hands of the hapless David, whose inability to keep his mouth shut at the crucial moment lands him in strife time and time again.

This is not easy watching. While the semi-autobiographical results are always hilarious they can also be embarrassing as hell.

If David Brent's famous dance in *The Office* made you watch from behind fingers over your eyes, then David's scrapes will make you want to re-occupy the womb.

But don't let that put you off. Hidden away on More 4, the show is 25 minutes of near perfection that is well worth seeking out. It's anyone's guess why this has not been given a terrestrial run.

Showing that the Americans can also do comedy for the younger audience is another offering from Stateside, *The Big Bang Theory*.

Channel Four has long struggled to fill the family comedy shaped hole



ENTHUSIAST: Larry David, comedy gold

left by *Friends*, but with *TBBT* they may finally have nailed it.

This is a smart, snappily written little number ideal for whiling half an hour of your Thursday night.

The main thrust: A bunch of geeks trying to woo a teenage temptress who is way out of their league hardly pulls up any trees, but some of the characters here show real promise.

In particular, the supporting cast come into their own.

Sporting the worst haircut since Javier Bardem in *No Country For Old Men* is Simon Helberg as Hayley Woolowitz, the lovable, nine-language speaking supernerd who raises genuine belly laughs.

It's not quite there yet, but with a little time to flourish, this could cause a much bigger bang than expected.

If this one truly takes off expect Channel Four, in their infinite wisdom, to wield the stick of schedule change and hide this away on Freeview at a time we should all really be in bed.

See you at midnight.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MORE money is heading your way, which is a welcome relief. Taking a stance against an immoral policy or person will put you in the path of romance. Nothing is more inspiring and confidence building than someone who is willing to stand up for their beliefs.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

NORMALLY, you're ultra practical, but this week you've got your sights set starward. Fortunately, it looks like you have a lot of supportive people to help you along the way. A generous authority figure could help you get a job interview or bring your work before the public.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE about to undergo a powerful transformation. An old relationship could fall away, making room for new friends and associates. Life is like that, sometimes. The good thing about having more space in your life is that it will enable you to get closer to remaining friends.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IF you're in the mood to gamble, Lady Luck is on your side. The best part of it is you won't have to risk much in order to yield handsome profits. Of course, this could all change if you insist on raising the stakes. News regarding a pregnancy or marriage comes as music to your ears.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR star power is undeniable. Do your best to get all the perks you can, as you'll be cycling into another phase next week. If you opt for a makeover and a change of style you should remember your natural beauty is most evident when you are spending time on the things you love.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE spotlight will be firmly trained on you this week. If you've ever thought about pursuing a career in the arts, this is the time to do it. Any work related to film, music, photography or the media in general will be good for you. Best of all, your fame could attract amorous attention.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PUTTING your interests aside for the sake of someone else is probably the best move this week. Right now, a business or romantic partner needs you to relieve them of chores, listen to their fears and provide guidance. You may even be called upon to force this person away from work.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IN the market for a new home? Step up your search this week. Approach a family member for a loan if you need one. Adding a lover, baby, or roommate to your household is a possibility. You'll feel an affinity for this new person. Going out won't be as important as it once was.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LATELY, you've been so busy you haven't had time to think. Withdrawing from the crowd helps you to know your own heart better. The next time you have the urge to do something, don't ask friends for confirmation. A secret love affair affords a great deal of pleasure.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

OPPORTUNITIES for personal expansion are all around you now. The stars are beaming rays of support your way so if you're engaged in an official tussle, push to wrap it up before the week is over. If you have been considering adding to your skills then now is the time to do it.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE being offered a wonderful opportunity to finish outstanding tasks. You'll feel so much better once you get these jobs out of the way. This is also a good time to attend to household chores. If you need help call on a sympathetic family member. They'll be happy to pitch in.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could turn out to be one of the busiest weeks of the entire year. The phone won't stop ringing and your in-box will fill up pretty fast. It will take every ounce of strength to keep up with all of your work. Although you're sure to be tired, it is nice to know you are needed.

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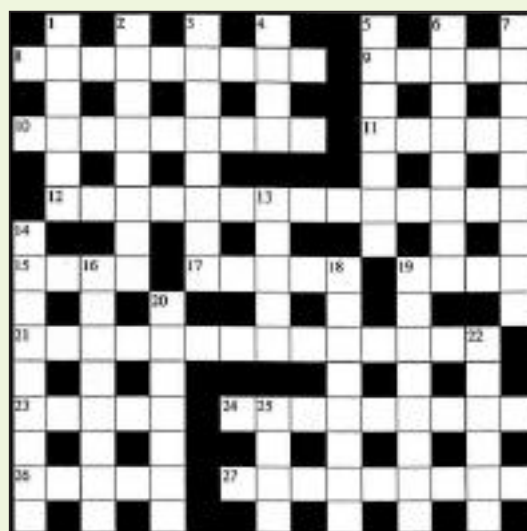
ACROSS

- Star we're looking forward to seeing (9)
- Some push erratically past escort (5)
- Had learnt about central part of area (9)
- Some British industrialists are Indian (5)
- What non-batting side are doing beginning the campaign (6,3,5)
- Film I left could touch people's feelings (4)
- Strip for the king perhaps (5)
- Pretty rough section for beginner (4)
- Traditional place of worship in the east (8,6)
- Let everyone approach town centre (5)
- Indignant squadron-leader joined forces (7,2)
- Lily had plenty going round university (5)
- How one might have got into a sweat over something? (9)

DOWN

- Take the plunge, the way to disrobe! (6)
- Many a champion endlessly eager to become North American Indian (8)
- Flying boat? (8)
- Mum's getting in some beef perhaps (4)
- Force someone to leave, set sail in small boat (4,3)
- Court risk on railway (8)
- Beast having its day on February 2nd in North America (9)
- Message from Terry before ten, say (5)
- I'm by piece of furniture that's fixed (9)
- Liveliness displayed by five with sex-appeal from Italy maybe (8)
- No more hears extra part to practise (8)
- Handed over and went to bed (6,2)
- Show hag removing refuse (7)
- Where in Provence in ramshackle shed was given shelter (6)
- United drew (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Matching (9)
- Waver (5)
- Fiddler (9)
- Idiot (5)
- Tediously long time (5,2,7)
- Ribbon (4)
- Wither (3,2)
- Fever (4)
- Deciding beforehand (14)
- Send money (5)
- Deception (9)
- Reception-room (5)
- Relatives (anag.) (9)

DOWN

- Writhe (6)
- Speech (8)
- Wined (8)
- Burden (4)
- Ringier (7)
- Degree of projection (8)
- Joker (9)
- Entrance hall (5)
- Late news (4-5)
- Introduction (8)
- Sovereign's daughter (8)
- Estrange (8)
- Thawing (7)
- Babble (6)
- Cad (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No28

EASY

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HARD

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No28

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10 Sometime 11 Under control 13 Plain
14 Defeatist 17 Agony aunt 19 Prole
21 At a later date 24 Herbaria 25 Treble
26 Escape 27 Abrasive. DOWN: 2 Roan
3 Seclusion 4 Brandy 5 Reserve 6
Composer 7 Petit 8 Common salt 12
Flightless 15 Terseless 16 Parterre 18
Nirvana 20 Latter 22 Libra 23 Slav.

QUICK SOLUTION No29

25 Heel.
Princess 19 Alleviate 20 Melting 22 Gurgler
13 Foyer 14 Stop-press 16 Preamble 18
4 Onus 5 Climbing 6 Overhang 7 Prankster
DOWN: 1 Squirm 2 Parhaze 3 Finchard
Remit 24 Chicane 26 Salon 27 Versatile
17 Dry up 19 Ague 21 Predetermining 23
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ACROSS: 8 Equaling 9 Hover 10 Violinist

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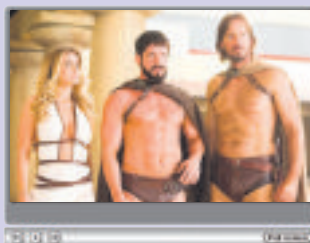
From the best-selling series of books comes The Spiderwick Chronicles. Peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick. After a bit of exploring the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate is revealed.

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (12A)



Lars is a shy young man in a small town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law. The only problem is that she's not real – she's a blow-up doll. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but a deep, meaningful relationship. His brother thinks he's nuts, but soon the entire town goes along with his delusions.

MEET THE SPARTANS (12A)



After successfully skewering Hollywood's scariest movie (as two of the writers on Scary Movie), romantic comedy franchises (Date Movie) and Hollywood blockbusters (Epic Movie), writers/directors/producers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer now set their sights on 300. The heroic Leonidas, leads a ragtag group of 13 Spartans to defend their homeland against the invading Persians.

Why DiCaprio has gone green

BY ELLIE GENOWER

YOU'RE a Hollywood heart-throb with the world at your feet, a model on your arm and Oscar nominations in your bag. So what on Earth do you have to be worried about? Well, the Earth actually.

Titanic star Leonardo DiCaprio is turning his attention to ice that melts and insists this is not about jumping on any trendy bandwagon.

"This documentary is something that I have been trying to do for many years," he says. "Ever since I started environmental work, I've wanted to do a documentary that really encompasses every major environmental issue in the world and speaks to all the greatest experts."

And The 11th Hour certainly goes some way to achieving that, talking to scientist Stephen Hawking and former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, as it explores man's impact on the planet, and more importantly, what we can do to change it.

Going green – changing, not only the way we live, but what we buy and how we entertain ourselves – has been of increasing concern to Leo, one of the documentary's producers, as well as its narrator.

"I was tired of watching news programmes and listening to environmentalists or scientists that have devoted their lives to an issue like global warming, having to sit there and get wrangled into some sort of argument about whether this is really happening or not," says the 33-year-old star.

"We wanted to make a homemade movie where we got the greatest minds possible all speaking uninterrupted without any corporate backing or studio involvement from the onset."

Documentary film in Hollywood is on the rise, with the success of Michael Moore films like Fahrenheit 911 and Sicko, and of course that of former president hopeful Al Gore, whose film

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ECO-FRIENDLY: Leo DiCaprio, documentary producer

An Inconvenient Truth hit the headlines two years ago – and had a profound impact on the already environmentally conscious Leo.

"There is tremendous capability in the world of documentary. If it weren't for An Inconvenient Truth and him having put the science of global warming and its impact on a global scale, a movie like this wouldn't be possible," he admits.

"This film has a broader spectrum in the sense that we talk about personal responsibility, and about the role of governments and corporations along with solutions as well. It really highlights the fact that we have solutions out there today that can reduce the human footprint by 90 per cent."

Leo confesses he became concerned about the world around him at a young age.

"I had a deep respect for nature, and I was a little biologist when I was younger," he says, smiling.

Nowadays he drives a hybrid car, has solar panels on his house, uses filtered water and buys organic produce. "I built my house green but that isn't necessarily feasible for everyone out there," he concedes.

His passion for the environment is obviously a big part of his life, but Leo insists he won't be joining Arnold Schwarzenegger in turning to politics: "I have no political aspirations whatsoever." However, he realises it's his star appeal which will entice people into cinemas to see a low budget movie about global warming.



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Super-slick Shanghai

BY PAUL MCGURK

THE skyline is pure science fiction – glinting spires, brash neon, vast skyscrapers, monuments which look as if they are about to take off and advertising dominating whole sides of buildings, in blinding light.

It's hard not to think of Ridley Scott's cityscapes in Blade Runner. Sipping a cocktail on the top floor of a hotel and looking down upon the bright lights, you might think you're watching a movie. But it's real.

This is Shanghai; vibrant powerhouse of new China, dazzling, ultra-modern and super-slick. It's difficult to believe that much of what you see in the Pudong area was built within the last 20 years.

The jewel in the crown of the high-rise city is the Oriental Pearl Tower. Its 'moon-base' spheres and javelin spire were created back in 1994, and it's the most arresting sight – but by no means the only sight – in the city.

Everywhere are symbols of design ingenuity and daring, making Shanghai one of the most architecturally innovative cities in the world.

A flavour of this taste for the new and bold can be gained from a ride on the MagLev (or magnetically levitating) train, the first such commercial line in the world. Running from Pudong International Airport to the centre of



SKYLINE: Shanghai looks like pure science fiction

the city, it reaches a mind-boggling 431kmph (268mph), turning the scenery into a blur.

The Pudong area is filled with hotels from which to explore the city and one of the best is the Shangri-La. Boasting widescreen views of the Huangpu River from the elegant rooms, the hotel has a number of high-end leisure facilities under its own roof, such as the Yi Cafe, with its 10 chef stations.

A cruise down the Huangpu gives you the best of both worlds in Shanghai, taking in the lights and modernity of Pudong on the east side and the grandeur of The Bund district in the west. At night the city comes alive, its glaring lights best savoured before 10pm on the top deck of the boat.

The Bund features traditional architectural glories from a pre-revolution, colonial era. Although neglected in some cases, buildings are being restored to their former splendour and the interiors can be stunning, such as HSBC Bank's opulent marble-floored main chamber.

In and around The Bund are other insights into street-level Shanghai, from quaint bric-a-brac shops and open-air exercise apparatus in the streets (apparently, to keep the population healthy and out of hospitals), to the rows of laundry festooning beautiful facades.

With Expo 2010 bound for Shanghai following the Beijing Olympics this year, the city's evolution is set to continue. There is little doubt it is one of the fastest-growing, most exciting cities on Earth.

There is much to explore beyond the city too, if your visit is long enough. Barely 40 minutes away by high-speed train, the city of Suzhou on the lower reaches of the Yangtse River has two must-sees; the Suzhou Museum and The Humble Administrator's Garden.

The museum (www.szmuseum.com), designed by the renowned Ioh Ming Pei, has such large spaces and restful lines that its splendour comes close to eclipsing the art treasures within.

In The Humble Administrator's Garden, a project of local official Wang Xianchen in 1513, almost every view looks as if it could be framed on a wall. At dusk, walkways, ponds and greenery become almost ethereal – a garden of dreams.

FACT FILE: SHANGHAI

Time difference	UK time +8 hours
Currency	Yuan (approx 14 to £1)
Population	20.6m
Main airport	Pudong International
Language	Mandarin
Religion	Taoism/Buddhism
Climate	Humid/sub-tropical

Holiday details

Paul McGurk flew with Virgin (www.virginatlantic.com), which offers Heathrow-Shanghai returns from £571 including tax. Upper class returns featuring the Cowshed, a business class lounge with complimentary meals, drinks and spa treatments, cost around £3900.

Virgin Holidays offers five nights room-only at Shanghai Holiday Inn Vista from £749, based on two adults sharing during June. Book online for five per cent discount.

Virgin Holidays reservations: 0844 5573 861 and www.virginholidays.com

Pudong Shangri-La rooms start at £180 per night, visit www.shangri-la.com

Huangpu River tours from various operators cost roughly £7.

The Shanghai-Suzhou train costs about £2 return.



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WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

BRING IT ON

Outgoing, friendly, sociable woman, 22, brown hair/eyes, 5ft4, loves socialising, clubbing, seeking fun and may be more with any nice guys out there. Box 438365

NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK?

Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

LIFE IS FOR LIVING

Outgoing, friendly, sociable woman, 27, seeks man to make her laugh and enjoy all that life has to offer. Box 897063

TAKE ME OUT

Fun, lively female, nearly 30, bored to be single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time, petite with dark hair. Box 895349

ALL FOR THE TAKING

Lovely female, 25, 5ft1, brown hair blue eyes, fantastic SOH, after some fun and laughs, so if that's you let me know. Box 438364

THE GENTLE LADY

Outgoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

TRUST MATTERS

Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

NICE SMILE???

Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly built, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

SECOND THAT EMOTION

I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffee, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic guy, for a chat and more. Box 438807

NICE PERSONALITY

Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 438807

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE

Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, NS gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?

36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunettes, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, car, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374

NEVER SAY NEVER

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'8", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

THE WIT TO WHO?

Female, 38, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship, more. Box 152892

ROUND TWO

41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

ACTIVE ANGEL

Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curvy, enjoy eating out and cooking, walking, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

JOIN ME BABY

Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, NS for friendship, more. Box 886889

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414561

BRING ME SUNSHINE

Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing, easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835333

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 825990

YOUNG & YUMMY

Mum of two, 42, 5ft4, blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, loves eating out, staying in, holidays, seeking male 37-45 with similar interests for love. Box 438349

STRIKE ME!

42, soft, slim, down-to-earth, normal! love swimming, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-50 for friendship and more! Box 436163

FOREVER YOURS

Hi Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, enjoys going out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814572

HEY BOYS

Attractive female, 49, 5ft3, long black hair, blue eyes, long legs, divorced, 3 teenage children, likes meals, cooking, cosy nights in, weekends away! call me! Box 438724

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING

Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, NS, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love. Maidstone area. Box 800398

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travel. WLTN NS male to share things with. Box 429682

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436910

NICE AND LOVING

44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448

NO GAME PLAYERS!

Funny 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship, hoping for more. Box 156966

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 829441

MADE FOR EACH OTHER

46yr old medium-build, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys holidays, cinema/theatre, socialising, seeking similar male for lasting love and happiness. Box 438162

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, red-head. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTN male for fun and friendship. Box 895288

JOIN OUR TEAM

Outgoing football coach, 47, great SOH, loving and honest, common-speakin but a nice person! 5 children, 7 grandchildren, seeking honest female for companionship. Box 438519

LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social things. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895925

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 46, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTN compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 423992

SHES THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, enjoys clubs and dining out. Box 435998

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover Box 435441

IT'S IN THE AIR

Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5ft, shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

SIMILAR TASTES

Now to this, I'm a 49yr old woman, I like walks, theatre, meals out, WLTN genuine man for company. Box 437774

STOP THE SHAKES!

Hello, 49yr old female, 5ft3, blonde, nervous, outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 48yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks someone and loving male between 40-50 for friendship. Box 399271

WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND

Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'5", likes cinema, music, walking, travel, seeking a male, 40-50, for relationship. Box 420160

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTN fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

BIG HEART

Now to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5ft7, Seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437026

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN

Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 436921

ARE WE SOULMATES?

53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, likes meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

DEAL?

Sue, 55yrs young, fit, cuddly, honest, easygoing, GSOH, enjoys reading, films and a glass of wine! seeking like-minded male. Deal area, for friendship, perhaps more! Box 895658

COUNTRY LIFE

Bubbly, outgoing female, 54, likes pubs, walks, horse riding, country life, seeks genuine gentleman, 48-52, for companionship, friendship, possibly LTR. Box 386913

FRIENDS FIRST

Sincere female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 56, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more! Box 434901

THANKS FOR LOOKING!

Adventurous male, 36, 5ft10, slim, athletic, loves sports, cycling, triathlons, seeking similar active female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films, meals, more. Box 437499

HERE I AM

I'm Stuart, 36, 6ft8, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a lovely, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106

LONG LOVE

Kind, loving dad, 36, looking for company and maybe LTR. I love pubs and cinema and walking on the sofa and walks. Box 894796

PERHAPS WE SHOULD

Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests include cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTN nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 383559

REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond hair, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTN like-minded, genuine, Sarah, please call to arrange, leave contact details! Box 430444

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, love horses, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 424335

GET UP AND GO

Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading, etc, seeks like-minded, attractive female, 26-35. Whitestable. Box 380976

R U 4 ME?

Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 419817

FANCY THIS

Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 433302

MOVING ON

Hi I'm 38, 5ft8, medium-stocky build, 2 children, love bike-rides, swimming, walks, seeking female partner for fun, friendship, and to start new life with! Box 436381

COME MEET MY ROCKY

Independent male, 38, 5ft8, short dark hair, 5ft8, seeking a female, 26-35, for friendship, more. Box 437577

LAIDBACK

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PROPERTY NEWS

White stuff attracts buyers overseas

INVESTORS in overseas property are now turning to the snow rather than the sea when it comes to desirable locations.

The Alps are becoming increasingly popular at the expense of Mediterranean hotspots which traditionally dominated the market for UK buyers abroad.

France, Italy and Austria all saw strong increases in interest, while Canada was also proving popular among those looking for property abroad. The latest HiFX Global Property Hotspots report, which covers the period from January to March this year, also shows interest in summer destinations such as Spain and Cyprus is waning.

"The French Alps are still top for Brits seeking a place in the snow, with France accounting for 26 per cent of all inquiries due to its close proximity and cheap airlines," explained Mark Bodega, director of HiFX.

He added that prices are higher in well established resorts such as Meribel, Courchevel and Chamonix – but the rental yields for landlords also remain consistently high in these areas.

Feeling safe at home can prove priceless

HOMEOWNERS have spent a staggering £27 billion on security systems in the last five years in an attempt to feel secure following a break-in.

The figure was revealed by a survey commissioned by Intamac Systems, which examined the costs of burglary to families.

While many said they would consider the chief burden to be the financial outlay after a violation of their home, the emotional cost can be just as severe according to the experts.

For a large proportion of people surveyed nothing could make them feel safe in their home. A third of those questioned stated they were forced to pack up their possessions and move home.

However, those that remained in a property spent £27bn on improvements to their security.

"While we have tried to put a figure on peace of mind, it seems that feeling safe in your own home is priceless," said company spokesman David Rimmer.

"We talk about our homes being our castles, but after a break-in the householder's relationship with their home changes, with many striving to regain the air of safety and normality."



PRICE OF FAILURE: DIY disasters at home can be expensive to put right, and you may need some additional household cover if you want to claim from an insurance policy

The hidden costs of men who tackle DIY

■ BY NICK AMES

NEW research has shown that contrary to popular belief men are not natural DIYers.

According to the study many dislike doing it, but feel pressured to try and redesign the bedroom, remodel the kitchen or rewire the hi-fi system.

More than a third said if they had the choice they would not carry out home improvements, but feel a sense of duty to do it after being put upon by their partners or family.

And the bad news for men – half of women believe DIY skills are desirable in a prospective partner.

More than 1,500 male homeowners were

questioned in the survey for Halifax Home Insurance.

The study found that in a bid to impress their partners many men may be planning to attempt ambitious and potentially dangerous home improvement projects involving building, gas or electrical works.

It revealed that a quarter of men have attempted electrical wiring at home, while almost a quarter of men have attempted to fit an entire new kitchen.

The survey warned that people who undertake large home improvement jobs themselves, without the proper qualifications or experience, risk invalidating their home insurance policies if things go wrong.

Martyn Foulds, a senior claims manager for Halifax Homes Insurance, said: "TV home makeover shows make it all appear so simple

and it's easy to forget that these are highly skilled professionals.

"In reality, trying to tackle certain areas you are not qualified for, such as electrics or plumbing, could invalidate your home insurance policy, leaving you liable for any subsequent damage.

"We'd recommend using a reputable tradesman rather than going it alone."

Accidental breakage to some parts of the home, for example sinks, baths, ceramic hobs and fixed glass in doors, is included in most buildings insurance policies.

But householders may need additional accidental damage insurance cover to protect against common DIY disasters that befall thousands of people, such as drilling through water pipes, spilling paint on carpets, or putting feet through ceilings.

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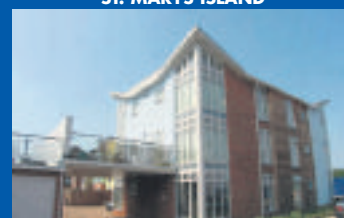
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MOTORS NEWS



Motorline's got a new Renault man on the job

MOTORLINE has appointed Paul Stapylton general manager for its Renault site at Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Canterbury.

Westgate man Paul, 28, who is new to Renault, but has more than ten years' experience in the motor trade, said: "There are several new (Renault) launches this year like the Koleos and the Laguna, all of which I'm sure will be well received by Renault customers."

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Dealer says 'Evolution' shows Lancer revolution

MITSUBISHI'S all-new Lancer is 'revolutionary', claims a Kent dealer.

Clay Roper, dealer principal of SMC Mitsubishi, Erith, says the saloon has sensational styling, keen pricing and the 'halo' effect of the sporty Evolution X variant: "The tenth generation of Mitsubishi Lancer has been priced into the heartland of the C segment even though it's bigger and better than its competitors. Sharper handling, better safety, crisp styling and cutting edge technology underline the new car's sporting credentials."



Annual kit show trades in classic dreams

FANCY a head-turner like this classic Austin-Healey for a fraction of the price?

That's the draw of the UK's kit car industry, which will showcase its dream products at the 18th European Kit & Car Builder Show, staged at the County Showground, Detling, near Maidstone, on the weekend 12-13 April.

Apart from some 40 manufacturers, 50 trade stands, 30 kit car clubs, and over 400 privately owned kit cars on display, there is family entertainment and catering and parking is free.



ALL-NEW JEEP: Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector

Jeep's own 4x4 rival to the family hatch

ROAD TEST

JEEP PATRIOT

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

JEEP has an all-new entry model in the finest 4x4 tradition of the brand and yet cheap enough to tempt would-be family hatchback buyers.

OK, the £15,995 lead-in price is for the 2.4 petrol version, so stomp up an extra grand for the entry level diesel, the 2.0CRD Sport tested here.

With a Volkswagen-sourced turbodiesel and slick six-speed manual gearbox, this model can be hustled brilliantly on-road and – as I proved at last year's launch event – tackle seriously tough terrain by using the fully-lockable 'Freedom Drive' 4x4 transmission.

It is not in the same league as Jeep's bigger kit, but not bad for a proper 4x4 selling for the price of a well-spec'd family hatch and capable of delivering a decent drive and a smooth ride.

It should also be long-lived; Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector.

On the bright side though I can see that the materials used make it easier to remove the

chocolate and sticky sweets plus juice and wee stains that have disfigured our ageing Toyota RAV-4 'kiddie wagon'.

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it won't break the bank and while full-size 4x4 sales falter under the onslaught of tax, spiraling fuel prices and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative – it looks the part while averaging 40mpg.



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COMPACT EXECUTIVE SALOONS

BMW's all-conquering 3-Series compact executive model is a UK top 10 best-seller nowadays. A major reason is the car's popularity with fleets and lease companies; second-hand demand keeps residuals high and leasing costs down, but would-be buyers of used examples may balk at prices. So, it is worth looking at tempting alternatives like our trio here – two show that you can afford to be different and not buy German. Our third choice is German and will not necessarily be cheaper than a 3-Series, but it will be rarer.

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JAGUAR X-TYPE



JAGUAR'S junior model is going through rehabilitation on the used market as people realise what a bargain it has become. Purists didn't like the fact that it is based on the previous front-wheel drive Mondeo platform, although Ford-owned Jaguar tried to deflect this by launching the 'X' with all-wheel drive. But critics had to acknowledge that the 'X' drives well in the Jag tradition while two smooth diesels and an elegant estate, have redeemed it with hard-nosed used car buyers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Honda constantly juggles that question, as well as the buying public. There is no doubting Honda quality, but the front-wheel drive Accord executive saloon struggles to deserve a mention alongside the classic rear-driven layout of the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is unlikely to let you down en route to a top-level meeting. The so-called 'whispering diesel' option is also one of the best too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

MERCEDES C-CLASS



YOU won't find many used C-Class bargains, but that grille and three-pointed star is worth paying extra for to stand out from the crowd. An all-new model last year has eased prices on the outgoing range though, which includes some of the best diesel engine options in the sector. The driving experience is less involving than the BMW 3-Series, but the Merc rides better and is the classier all-rounder – you should get more dosh back when you sell too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR MPV	TBA BLUE	£13,980	£2,990 £10,990
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REG. MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE COLOUR	COST NEW	SAVING PRICE TO YOU
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56 FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	8791 GREY	£6,990	£500 £6,490
04 FABIA COMFORT 1.4 TDI 68BHP SDR HATCH	35313 SILVER	£5,990	£500 £5,490
05 FABIA AMBIENTE 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	18889 BLACK	£6,600	£500 £6,100
52 FABIA SILVERLINE 1.4 MPI 68BHP SDR HATCH	42537 SILVER	£4,990	£500 £4,490

REG. MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE COLOUR	WAS	SAVING PRICE TO YOU
OCTAVIA HATCH			
06 OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	11478 SILVER	£13,990	£1,000 £12,990

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We are looking for a qualified vehicle technician or a Master Technician to work in our busy workshop. You will need to be comfortable using the latest diagnostic equipment and ideally come from a VW Group background. You'll need to work in a team as well as under your own initiative. Training to master technician standard will be given. A good salary and benefits will be offered to the right candidate. Please send your CV, by email, to claims.miller@saundersabbott.co.uk or telephone 020 8300 2450.

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Dawson News 10th Floor AMP House, Dingwall Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 9XA
 Email: hr-croydon@dawsonnews.co.uk

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Customer Services Team Leader

For our NEW PREMISES AT ROCHESTER

You will be required to manage a small team of Customer Services Assistants, therefore previous experience would be an advantage. If you are interested in applying please contact our HR department on:- 0208 7743000 for further information, alternatively please forward your C.V. via email or to the above address.

Customer Service Assistants

For our NEW PREMISES AT ROCHESTER

These positions are available on a full time and part time basis. You will be required to provide a professional and efficient customer service function. If you are interested in applying please contact our HR department on:- 0208 7743000 for further information, alternatively please forward your C.V. via email or to the above address.

Warehouse Operatives

For our NEW PREMISES AT ROCHESTER

Flexible hours are available for our Warehouse Operatives. If you are interested in applying please contact Sam Keeble on 01634 662400 for an application form.

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Secure Training Centre Assistants

Medway Secure Training Centre, Rochester

Days: £19,086 pa or Nights: £17,573 pa
(Pay review pending)

Average 40 hours per week

"Our centre accommodates sentenced and remanded young people whose ages range from 12 to 17 years old. As a member of staff, I'm here to support and encourage the young people, helping them in education when needed and also in the living units.

The centre has a strict routine and it's part of my job to motivate the young people to abide by the rules. Sometimes it can be a little challenging so plenty of initiative and interpersonal skills are important.

Working with the young people is a challenge that I thrive on. It keeps me motivated and on my toes which is the kind of energy I try to pass on. The sense of satisfaction I get when someone says thank you after I've helped them to achieve something is fantastic and it makes my job worthwhile."

Steve

Training Centre Assistant

If you think you've got what it takes to make a real difference, you could train for a career that's both challenging and rewarding. Call us for a short telephone interview on 01634 823322 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday quoting ref: KOSTC3 by 4th April 2008. An application pack will be sent to candidates who are invited to the assessment day on Saturday 12th April 2008.

www.reboundcd.com

Please note that these vacancies are subject to a 10 year checkable history and the strict vetting standards set by Rebound and the Secretary of State for the Home Office.

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Regional Distribution Centre, Aylesford

Join our Regional Distribution Centre and you can share the profits, growth and opportunities that come with the Waitrose success story. Since opening last year, we have grown at a phenomenal rate and as we take responsibility for delivering stock to up to 50 branches in the south of England we're looking to take on more people with the passion to go the extra mile in everything they do. You'll pick up some extremely tasty rewards in return with benefits including pension scheme, discounts at Waitrose and John Lewis, and a profit-sharing scheme that this year amounted to an extra ten weeks' pay.

Warehouse Assistants · Ref: WA08

37.5 hours per week over five days, including weekends
£260 - £372 per week + shift allowance + benefits
6am - 2pm: £13 per week shift allowance
4pm - midnight: £65 per week shift allowance
8pm - 4am: £86.65 per week shift allowance

If you have basic Maths and English skills, are physically fit and have the motivation to keep our warehouse running smoothly, we'd love to hear from you.

LGV1 Drivers · Ref: D08

43 hours per week, flexible shift start times
£360 - £464 per week + shift allowance + benefits
Afternoon shifts: £72 per week shift allowance
We're looking for people with a clean C+E LGV1 driving licence to transport ambient, fruit and vegetables and chilled products to our stores in the south east. Knowledge of operating multi-chamber temperature-controlled articulated vehicles would be advantageous. A friendly, helpful and team-orientated approach is essential.

Transport Operators · Ref: T008

37.5 hours per week over five days, including weekends
6am - 2pm: £20,200 - £24,800 + benefits
2pm - 10pm: £21,000 - £26,300 + benefits

As one of our team of Transport Operators, you'll be responsible for executing the day-to-day plan, ensuring the operation runs smoothly and efficiently. This will entail despatching vehicles, making sure the site is controlled effectively and liaising with our warehouse teams. You should be familiar with a transport/logistics environment, be highly motivated, have a sharp eye for detail, a cool head under pressure and the ability to think on your feet.

Vehicle Technicians · Ref: VT08

37.5 hours per week over five days
£402 - £484 per week + shift allowance + benefits
Alternating two-week rota (6am - 2pm/2pm - 10pm):
£60.30 per week shift allowance
Night shift (10pm - 6am):
£133.98 per week shift allowance

You'll carry out servicing, MOTs and repairs to ensure our fleet is maintained to a safe and roadworthy standard in line with VOSA, as well as dealing with all the related paperwork. You should be an experienced mechanic with City and Guilds 1, 2, 3 Vehicle Technician or equivalent, CITB/City and Guilds Refrigeration/Gas Handling, IRTEC and an LCV C+E driving licence. Good communication skills are also important.

Part-time Catering Assistants · Ref: CA08

£6.36 - £8.30 per hour + £1.27 per hour shift allowance + benefits + 1.45pm - 8.30pm working 3 set days*

Dedicated, reliable and hardworking, you will be involved in the preparation and serving of food to the required standard and according to food safety policy. Fully committed to achieving customer satisfaction, you must be flexible, prepared to become multi-skilled and undertake tasks in different areas. You will also enjoy working with others in a team, but also be able to operate independently.

*The three set days can include a combination of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will try to work around your preferences as much as possible.

For an application pack, please visit our website www.waitrose.co.uk/jobs. Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer, please call our recruitment line on 01344 825758. Closing date: 5th April 2008.

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Managing a small team
PAYE
Preparation of VAT returns
Credit control

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

KOS Media has won seven national awards in five years and is one of the fastest growing companies in Kent and in the UK regional media industry.

We require a forward-thinking, bright and enthusiastic fully qualified management accountant who will be reporting directly to the chief executive with dotted line responsibility to the other senior management and directors.

The successful applicant will have the ambition to build on their role while learning about the media, and ultimately should have the drive to one day to become part of the senior management team.

This varied role will include maintenance of all ledgers, PAYE, preparation of VAT returns, purchase ledger and managing a small team responsible for credit control, as well as providing reports to the managing director, and other commercial directors.

You will hopefully be an ideas-led and creative thinking individual as we are a vibrant, young and fast-moving company. You will also have a flexible approach, good communication skills, a high degree of self-motivation and the ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines.

If you would like to become part of our continuing success, and feel you have the necessary qualifications then please send your CV with covering letter to: Paul Stannard, Chief Executive, KOS Media Ltd, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

Or email to: personnel@kosmedia.co.uk

Closing date for applications - 31 March 2008


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Appetite for teaching?

With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide-range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 15,000 students of all ages. As a further and Higher Education College, we are the largest education institution in Kent. We currently have exciting opportunities to join our successful Catering Department:

Assessor in Catering

Ref: S2122

Variable contract
Folkestone

Assessing workplace students in the Hospitality and Catering area up to NVQ Level 3 and Key Skills Level 2, you will support both work based trainees and employers. You will have an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Catering, Assessor Award A1 (formerly D32/D33) and Basic Food Hygiene qualification.

Lecturing in Catering

Ref: T1316

Fixed-term until 31/07/08
Variable contract
Ashford

Variable lecturer required to teach a range of Catering courses up to NVQ Level 2 in a realistic working environment. You will have an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Catering, 3 years' recent and relevant industrial experience and Basic Food Hygiene qualification. Above all you will be committed to student success.

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Monday 7th April 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancy, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

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As part of Kent County Council, we look after one of the largest road networks in the country. In order to deliver the best possible service for the people of Kent we need to work with the best possible people.

We currently have a range of job opportunities across the service, including engineering posts, and will be holding a Recruitment Fair at the Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, on Saturday 29 March, between 11am and 6pm to promote them.

If you have technical highway experience and feel you have the skills to help us improve our service, then come and see us to discuss the opportunities available.

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We're working hard to deliver quality services to our local community. And our exceptional reputation speaks volumes about our success. On top of this, we ensure the very best working environment for all our staff - offering development and encouraging diversity at every level.

Corporate Procurement Manager

£25,521 to £39,712 per annum Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies Sessions House, Maidstone

The Strategic Procurement Unit within the Chief Executive's Department is a small team which is responsible for providing procurement advice to service managers within KCC. We work in different ways with all parts of KCC and you will apply your procurement expertise to help the service managers achieve their objectives. We also ensure that KCC managers follow KCC and other regulations on how procurements should be undertaken.

We are looking for some experience of procurement, preferably within the public sector, an enquiring mind and good written and oral communication skills. We will support studying for a professional qualification and put a learning emphasis on supporting personal development.

Ref: CED/08/0035

Closing date: midday, 8th April 2008.

Warm Stone is an innovative alternative curriculum Pupil Referral Unit for KS4 & KS5 students with complex needs, involving an engaging and broad curriculum and a new slant on curriculum delivery. The project has high staff/student ratios, a clear ethos and training programme and works closely with CAMHS & KCC Social Services staff.

Centre Managers

Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum

1 x Mid Kent, 1 x West Kent and 1 x East Kent

Ref: CFE/08/0112

Tutors

Unqualified Tutor Grade £14,751 - £23,331 pro rata

2 x East Kent and 1 x West Kent

Ref: CFE/08/0113

Personal Assistants

Starting salary £16,221, with progression through contribution related pay to £17,842 pro rata

1 x East Kent and 1 x West Kent

Ref: CFE/08/0118

Teaching Assistants

Starting salary £13,619, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,440 pro rata

3 x Warmstone Project, East Kent, West Kent and Folkestone

Ref: CFE/08/0115

Committed to high quality and genuinely imaginative education, Warm Stone is expanding to establish satellite centres in West and East Kent. KCC are looking for new staff to join an existing creative staff team in the Mid-Kent Centre and views the three Centre Managers as the key appointments in this expansion. Some of these posts involve working in a more flexible programme, based within the Warm Stone Project and on negotiation of the learning programme with the pupils and a client group with more complex needs. The programme offers creative opportunities for teachers, teaching assistants and pupils in very small groups. Online interactive lessons are available for some students when this meets their needs.

Applicants for all posts (apart from the PA role) will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

Please specify which area you would like to be considered for clearly on your application form quoting the appropriate reference.

Closing date: Midday 9th April 2008.

To apply for any of these posts, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the appropriate reference number.

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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Plumbing

Post Ref: S/PLUMB/KOS

Public Services

Post Ref: S/PS/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 31 March at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Media and Public Relations Officer

22.2 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/32/KOS

Publications and Design Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

Post Ref: 08/25/KOS

NVQ Assessor in Health & Social Care

37 hrs per week or 2 x 18.5 hrs per week.

Salary range £17,727 - £25,418 per annum (pro rata for part time posts)

Post Ref: 06/193/KOS

Resource Assistant Hospitality

35 hrs per week, 40 weeks term time.

Salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: RA6/7/KOS

Caretaker

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

Post Ref: 04/96/KOS

Full Time Cleaner

37 hrs per week, salary £6.13 per hour

Post Ref: 08/21/KOS

Supply NVQ Assessors in Cleaning and Support Services

Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,418 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: NVQ/CS/KOS

Supply Invigilators

Various hours available, salary £6.68 per hour

Post Ref: S/INV/KOS

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MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Brompton Westbrook Primary

KS 2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs C Knight
Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Kings Bastion, Brompton
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5DQ
Telephone - (01634) 844152
Email office@
bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk

Featherby Junior School

Inclusion/SEN teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 1
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Paul Green, Headteacher
Featherby Junior School
Chilham Road, Gillingham
Kent ME8 6BT
Telephone - (01634) 231984
Email office@
featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk

Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
Hempstead Junior School
Birch Grove, Hempstead
Kent ME7 3SD
Telephone - (01634) 371823
Email office@
hempsteadjnr.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Faye McDonald
The School Office
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
and Marlborough Centre
Pottery Road, Hoo
Rochester
Kent ME3 9BS
Telephone - (01634) 338040
Email office@
hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time or part time & temporary
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Faye McDonald
The School Office
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
and Marlborough Centre

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St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Key stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk,
Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic
Primary School
Lambourn Way, Lordwood
Chatham
Kent ME56 8PU
Telephone - (01634) 669700
Email headteacher@
st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

St James' C of E VA Primary School

Key stage 2 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
St James' C of E VA Primary
School
Isle of Grain, Rochester
Kent ME3 0BS
Telephone - (01634) 270341
Email
office@stjames.medway.sch.uk

The Pilgrim School

Key stage 1 Teacher (job share)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Job share and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs D Field, Office Manager
The Pilgrim School
Warwick Crescent
Borstal, Rochester
Kent ME1 3LF
Telephone - (01634) 841873
Email
office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

Allhallows Primary School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
Lisa Tarry, School Business Manager
Allhallows Primary School
Avery Way, Allhallows
Rochester
Kent ME3 9HR
Telephone - (01634) 270705
Email headteacher@
allhallows.medway.sch.uk

Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

To apply/more information

Diana Parker, Office Manager
Fairview Community Primary
School
Drewery Drive, Wigmore
Gillingham
Kent ME8 0NU
Telephone - (01634) 338710
Email office@
fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

Parkwood Infant School

Foundation/KS1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008

To apply/more information

Miss Lindsay Mackenzie
Headteacher
Parkwood Infant School
Deanwood Drive, Rainham
Gillingham
Kent ME8 9LP
Telephone - (01634) 234625
Email office@
parkwoodinf.medway.sch.uk

Senior Leader

St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Senior leader of teaching and learning
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2C (£2364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk
Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic
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Lambourn Way, Lordwood
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Kent ME56 8PU
Telephone - (01634) 669700
Email headteacher@
st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

Year Group Leader

Delce Junior School

Year Group Leader
Salary: L1 - 4 (£34,938 - £37,623)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Julia Knight
Business Manager
Delce Junior School
The Tideway, Rochester
Kent ME1 2NU
Telephone - (01634) 321111
Fax - 01634 300063
Email knigi017@medway.org.uk

Deputy Headteacher

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: LS 11 - 15
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Miss Joanne Trickett, Headteacher
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
Pottery Road, Rochester
Kent ME3 9BS
Telephone - (01634) 338040
Email office@
hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Stoke Community School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: L1-L5
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Carolyn Cassetti, Headteacher
Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke, Rochester
Kent ME3 9SL
Telephone - (01634) 2702678
Email headteacher@
stoke.medway.sch.uk

Foundation Stage Leader

St James' C of E VA Primary School

Foundation Stage Leader
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRb
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
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Telephone - (01634) 270341
Email
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Greenacre School
Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher
Greenacre School Bradfields
Avenue, Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861593
E-mail
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street, Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Modern Foreign
Languages
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
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Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street

Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street, Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

The Thomas Aveling

Teacher of Business Studies
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Richard Hart, Headteacher
The Thomas Aveling School
Arethusa Road, Rochester
Kent ME1 2UW
Telephone - (01634) 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Assistant Faculty Leader

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street, Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

Head of Department

Greenacre School
Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher
Greenacre School
(A Specialist Sports College)
Bradfields Avenue, Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861593
Fax - 01634 869246
Email
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

The Howard School

Head of Technology
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1C (£8405)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 4 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mr P G Morris, Principle
The Howard School
Derwent Way, Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email
office@howard.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Faculty Leader of Religious Education
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1a (£11,557)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street, Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

Assistant Headteacher / Director of Joint Sixth Form

Walderslade Girls School / Greenacre Boys School
Salary: L12 - L16
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
Walderslade Girls School
Bradfields Avenue, Walderslade
Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861596
Email headteacher@
waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

Head of Department

Chatham South School
Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Maureen Chipperfield
Office Manager
Chatham South School
Letchworth Avenue, Chatham
Kent ME4 6NT
Telephone - (01634) 404277
Email Headteacher@
chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Elaine Primary (Chalklands Opportunity Centre)

SEN Teacher (Primary)
Salary: MPS/UPS + 2 SEN allowance
Part time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 29 March 2008
To apply/more information
Lynne Garnham, Headteacher
Elaine Primary School
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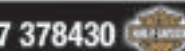
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovation centre is given Key to success

A DRIVE towards new technology in Kent has been boosted with the appointment of a marketing high-flier as co-ordinator for the Thames Innovation Centre.

Robert Key is to help develop technology companies as well as attract overseas companies that might be looking for a UK base for their European operations.

He said the centre, intended to be the heart of the future Thames Gateway technology sector, is much more than just a building.

Mr Key added: "Not only can we offer smart and well equipped office space, but the centre also offers a complete range of business support packages and access to finance that will enable new ventures to grow and flourish."

His previous jobs have included working with a private medical company and developing its clinic base nationwide, in addition to working within a marketing consultancy offering services to SMEs based in the South East.

Northern Rock still a charitable institution

GUARANTEED funding promises from the newly nationalised bank Northern Rock have enabled its charitable arm to state that it will almost double its budget.

The Northern Rock Foundation initially feared its projects would be ended by the well publicised collapse of the bank last year.

But Alastair Balls, the charity's chairman, has now been able to increase his grants budget for this year from £7 million to £11m, following pledges made during the nationalisation process which have recently been made public.

Until the end of last year, Northern Rock set aside five per cent of its profits each year to fund the foundation.

And the collapse of the bank prompted Mr Balls to cut the charity's grants budget for 2008 to just £7m.

However, provisions in the legislation paving the way for the nationalisation of Northern Rock commit it to funding the foundation to the tune of at least £15 million a year until 2010.

Why businesses 'must help' to cut waste mountain

■ BY NICK AMES

MAJOR companies should be asked to accept voluntarily their responsibility to cut waste, according to the Conservative Party.

Opposition MPs spoke out after high-profile campaigns in the media and among conservation groups to get rid of such things as plastic bags in supermarkets and cut packaging on foodstuffs and other perishables.

The party says existing EU rules are not wide-ranging enough and are "propping up our throwaway culture".

Former Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells – who was the boss of Asda – Archie Norman has been asked to look for ways of working with firms on a 'fundamental rethink' of tackling waste.

The Government has already given supermarkets a year to slash the use of plastic bags, threatening legislation if they do not.

The steering group on waste is part of a wider drive by the Conservatives to persuade businesses they have an important role to play in creating a better society – on issues from obesity to climate change.

Tory leader David Cameron said corporate social responsibility was "a really vital challenge for the future"

– but should not burden businesses and the economy with higher tax and regulation.

"We're not going to solve any of the big problems we face as a society, as a country or as a world, unless we have responsible business playing its part," he said.

"We're not going to make Britain a more family-friendly country, unless business plays its part in terms of helping families to have time together. We won't deal with childhood obesity, or teenage pregnancy, or any of the other childhood issues we're looking at, without business acting responsibly, without playing its part."

The Tories say the current approach to dealing with the 330 million tonnes of waste produced in the UK each year is "bureaucratic and sluggish".

Members say the EC Directive on packaging and waste has had limited success as it only covers a small amount of waste – such as electrical and electronic equipment, vehicles and batteries.

Meanwhile the effort to increase recycling is "driven by the threat of hefty fines" rather than a "fundamental rethink of how we look at waste".



TASK MASTER: Former Tory MP Archie Norman – and boss of supermarket chain Asda – has been asked to look at ways of tackling waste with businesses

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DOUBLE TROUBLE: A pair of Medway Dragons' under-14s get stuck in during their first match earlier this month
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Rugby League in Medway

RUGBY LEAGUE

IT is more commonly associated with northern strongholds such as St Helens and Warrington, but the founders of a new Rugby League club hope to add Medway to the list before long.

Set up by a group of rugby league enthusiasts, the club has been an overnight success since launching in January. More than 100 youngsters signed up at its inception, making it the biggest rugby league club in the south overnight.

The club made headlines before it was even created, when a team of under-19s from Medway RFC playing as the Dragons won a rugby league youth festival at the home of Harlequins.

Close ties have since been estab-

lished between the Dragons and the London club – the only Super League team in the south – with four of the squad selected for the Harlequins academy.

Dragons returned to Quins' ground The Stoop on Good Friday, taking in a nine-a-side competition before the senior side played Catalan Dragons in a Super League match.

Commercial Director Alan Bracken is excited about the potential within the club, which hopes to add a senior team in the future.

He said: "We have created something from nothing and we are all very

proud. The level of interest has blown us and the Rugby Football League away."

With solid foundations including team doctors and physiotherapists, the club is being used by the game's governing body as a model for others looking to start clubs.

The club's four junior sides are entered into competitive leagues against sides from across London. They played their first ever matches earlier this month and visit Greenwich Admirals on Saturday as the season begins to gather pace.

Dragons are expanding to include a section for players under 11, which begins at the Garrison Stadium in Gillingham on Saturday at 1pm.

Taff eyes Kent Two league title

MEDWAY RFC can secure their second successive promotion this weekend if they can beat Brockleians at Priestfields.

Taff Gwilliam's side are unbeaten since losing on the opening day of the season and can clinch the Kent Two title with victory if rivals Vigo lose at home to Sheppey.

Gwilliam said: "Brockleians is the key game, all the players know if they win the next game we will be promoted which is a significant achievement.

"It won't be easy because we struggled to beat them away from home but we are keen to do it in front of our own supporters."

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Gills defender Garry Richards gives his view on the club's relegation fears

Ladies head for a season century

HOLCOMBE Ladies first team will look to break the 100-goal barrier when they finish the league season at Bury St Edmunds on Saturday.

The team have scored at an average of more than four goals a game this season and their tally stands on 98 with one game remaining. Mike Haines' side won the East Women's Premier League last month and are 19 points clear at the top, but their season is far from over.

In May they face Maidstone in the Kent Cup final and next month they begin a six-team round robin tournament with other divisional winners.

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FOR SALE: Gills boss Mark Stimson wants to show a group of unsettled players the exit door this summer and have a big clearout to stop the unsettled air around the team

Stimson gets to the point about clearout

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Port Vale 2 Gillingham 1

slap and say 'grow up'.

"But I can't do that to these because they are professional football players and they are governed by the PFA so I have to be very careful in what I can do with them."

Stimson believes the group are holding back the rest of the squad. The players' union prevents anyone being excluded from training sessions so the discontented faction continues to be a part of the team's preparations for matches.

No names have been mentioned, but it is believed the group includes strikers Delroy Facey and Gary Mulligan, who did not make the squad for the Bournemouth game.

If Stimson gets his wish, they may have

played their last match for the club.

He said: "I don't go to church but I have started praying just to get through to the summer and then we can have a massive clearout – get rid of some of these players who say they want to play for this club but they don't."

"It's going to be difficult because a lot of the players I want out are on contract, which makes it a lot harder."

"We will have to sit down with some of those players in the summer and explain how I feel about them, have a man-to-man talk and hopefully sort something out. I don't see those players being any part of what I want to achieve."

The Gills went even further behind in their quest to stay in League One, after a disappointing 2-1 defeat to lowly Port Vale on Easter Monday.

Stimson's side went two goals down before Leroy Griffiths got the Gills back in the game. Striker Simeon Jackson also missed a first half penalty as Gillingham lost ground on rivals Crewe, who have opened up a five point gap.

Chats beaten by spectacular goal

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Chatham Town 0 Cray Wanderers 1

CHATHAM Town worked hard but lacked the quality to take anything from a game against the Ryman South's most in-form side.

A moment of inspiration in the first half from Michael Power was enough to win the match. The striker's spectacular spin and shot from 20 yards gave Chats goalkeeper Miroslav Oravec no chance and was worthy of winning any game.

The hosts rarely troubled the Cray back four and despite matching their opponents for effort, it was a fair result.

Cray began the game second in the Ryman South table and on a 25-match unbeaten run which stretched back to October.

Despite their form, Wanderers found it difficult to find any rhythm against a hard-working home side.

They almost opened the scoring on 20 minutes, but Ryan Royston's curling free-kick clipped the crossbar.

Rob Denness led the line well for the Chats but they struggled to make any impact in the final third. It took them 33 minutes to muster an effort on goal, when Mark Brooks shot well wide from 25-yards.

The visitors finally showed their pedigree two minutes later when they took the lead. Power cut inside from the left and fired into the top corner from the edge of the box for his 20th goal of the season.

The Chats had Oravec to thank for keeping them in the game early in the second half as he made three stops in quick succession to deny Cray from extending their lead.

Chatham's best chance of salvaging a point came on 67 minutes when Darren Smith intercepted and played in Rob Denness, but the striker's shot was saved by the onrushing goalkeeper Glen Knight.

The introduction of Steve Hafner, Dave Botterill and Tyrone James late on did little to change the course of the game as the Chats lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Steve Binks' will look to improve their record when they travel to basement side Molesey this Saturday.



LED THE LINE: Chatham's Rob Denness worked hard up front but couldn't find a way past a strong Cray defence

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PLAYER FOCUS



QUALITY: Dennis Oli wants squad to work hard

Oli thinks Gills will avoid relegation

GILLINGHAM striker Dennis Oli thinks the team have enough quality to avoid relegation and stay in League One next season.

The 24-year-old has spent most of his appearances out wide, but combined well through the middle with Simeon Jackson in Saturday's win against Bournemouth.

Victory was not enough to lift the club out of the bottom four, but the former QPR apprentice remains confident.

Speaking before the Easter matches, he said: "The squad feels they are in a scrap but we think we can get out quite comfortably, we have great players and if we work hard things will come good for us."

Oli was among a group of seven players brought in initially on loan by Mark Stimson in November, signing from Conference side Grays Athletic.

The Gills boss has come in for criticism from some fans for relying too heavily on non-league signings, but Oli insists the gap between the divisions is not as great as many believe.

He said: "I have found the step-up fine, there is more quality but other than that I have not found much of a difference. Mark Stimson gave me this opportunity and I intend to take it with both hands. I started really well and I just want to keep it going, work on my game and play as well as I can."

Three goals in his first three games got Oli off to a dream start, but hamstring and knee injuries have limited his involvement since Christmas.

His pace and direct style have won him many admirers and the young forward paid tribute to the Priestfield crowd, particularly their support during the recent defeat to rivals Crewe. He said: "I have never seen a crowd cheer on a team like they did at the start of the second half. If that doesn't give you a lift nothing will, I was sitting on the bench and I couldn't wait to get on the pitch."

Gills fans will hope he can continue to build a partnership with Jackson to help get the team out of trouble.

The Mos show Dragons who's boss

ICE HOCKEY

Invicta Dynamos 7
Cardiff Dragons 3

A BLISTERING first period saw Invicta Dynamos blow Cardiff Dragons away as Kevin Parrish's side stayed in contention for finals day with a third successive play-off victory.

The Mos had the game virtually wrapped up after the first 20 minutes, tearing into the visitors to lead 5-0 at the interval.

Elliot Andrews starred for the hosts by hitting a hat-trick, while Ken Forshee scored on a one-off return to the team.

The hosts took the lead after 74 seconds when Peter Carey tucked home a rebound after Damian Welch's shot was blocked.

With one Cardiff player in the sin bin for hooking, Anthony Lennon made it 2-0 just over a minute later.

The Mos were completely dominant and Andrews scored two well-

taken goals, with Forshee completing the onslaught with a neat finish in the 19th minute.

It was always unlikely the home side could maintain the high tempo throughout the game and the Dragons came back into the match after the break.

They created several good openings but found Mos netminder Ian Rowlands in excellent form.

At the other end, AJ Smith and Anthony Leone both had chances well saved as the period ended scoreless.

Dragons finally got on the board with 16 minutes remaining and quickly reduced the arrears to 5-2, threatening an unlikely comeback.

But within seconds, Andrews' third goal of the game quashed any faint hopes the Welsh team had of getting back into the game.

The teams traded goals in the closing minutes, with Andy Smith completing the scoring.

Mos must now win their final play-off match in Cardiff this Saturday and then hope results elsewhere go their way if they are to reach the finals day at Coventry next month.



HAPPY RETURN: Ken Forshee returned to Mos for the club's presentation night and helped the team to a convincing win

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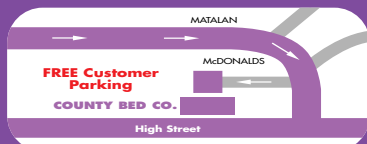
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